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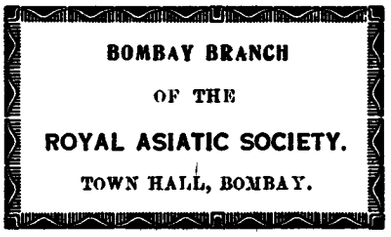

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur,
G. C. I. E.,
Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of Your Highness' State for the year 1915-16.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 30th August 1916.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

Report of the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1915-16.

Chapter I.

General and Political.

The State of Morvi lies, as stated in previous reports, towards the North of the Peninsula of Kathiawar in its Machhukantha District while its District of Adhoi known as Adhoi Mahal is situated in the Wagud-portion of the Cutch Peninsula. The Machhukantha land is generally level, hills being rare, and is fertile while that in the Tankara Division is medium and more favourable to cotton than to any other crops. The climate is temporate and healthy.

2. The area of the State is 913 square miles less the area of the villages of Janghi, Ambardi, Chandrodi and Laliana Pati, which have been transferred to the Cutch State under the late exchange settlement with that State.

3. The population is 90,230.

4. The gross revenue of the State for the year under report was Rs. 12,74,830-1-4.

5. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs. 49,208 as Peshkashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,088 as Jortalbi to Junagadh.

6. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness's direction. The remarkable feature in the administration is that the authority and powers of all the heads of Department have been clearly defined and each within his own sphere, is independent of others, being directly responsible to the Diwan in the first instance and in matters of special importance if necessary Your Highness is always accessible for advice and consultation.

7. The success that has attended the administration of the State is mainly due to the watchful care and able guidance and above all to the personal example of Your Highness's stern and unflinching devotion to duty. The tone of efficiency in the working of the various departments has consequently been maintained at the same level as heretofore.

8. The international European war that brought into the vortex of

open hostilities almost all the States of Europe continued in full force engrossing the sole and undivided attention of the whole of the Empire and called forth the most unequivocal proofs of the unflinching and single-hearted devotion the nation has ever borne to the person of our beloved sovereign. The nation's spontaneous response to the call of duty in these days of crisis has been the most gratifying one. Immediately on hearing of the outbreak of this war Your Highness subscribed Rs. 15,000 to the War Fund which was followed by the gift of motor ambulance cars at the cost of Rs. 25,000. The further offer of 2 motor ambulance cars referred to in the last year's report materialised during the present year and the cars were duly presented to His Majesty the King Emperor. Recently a metre gauge line engine worth Rs. 43,266 has been sent to the Government of India for war uses. Your Highness has been pleased to make a monthly subscription to the Tailoring Fund opened by Mrs. Harold. Over and above these gifts of cash and motor cars, Your Highness has allowed the use of the State Workshop for the purposes of turning out base plates &c. for shells. The Morvi Railway having on hand 37,000 half round country teak wood sleepers, purchased for the conversion of the Narrow Gauge section of 16 miles from Morvi to Wankaner as also 29 lbs rails, sleeper steel troughs, and keys, 6 holed fish plates and fish bolts, all suitable for the use of a Narrow Gauge line the same were offered to the Imperial Government through the Railway Board for any use by Government in the war and the Railway Board accepted the offer with " the warmest thanks " with the desire that they would avail themselves of the offer should the need arise.

9. The Specie Bank affairs which put Your Highness unnecessarily to great pains and expenses involving costly High Court litigation for over 2 years has to the relief of all concerned and to the great delight of Your Highness's loyal subjects come to a happy termination. Even when the official liquidator applied to the Bombay Government for sanction to file a suit against Your Highness as one of the Directors of the Indian Specie Bank, it was expected that after carefully perusing our rejoinder that gave full and detailed explanations of the various groundless allegations made in the liquidator's petition, the Government would no doubt refuse the sanction applied for. Unfortunately the rejoinder seems to have made no effect as the sanction was given. Fully confident of the thorough unimpeachability of your conduct as a director of the Bank, Your Highness appealed before the Imperial Government but with no better results. These repeated failures in proving the utter groundlessness of the charges that were openly

made by the liquidator did not discourage Your Highness who having nothing to fear were fully confident that in the end truth will come out and the rightiousness of our cause would prevail when the case was openly heard before the Bench of the Bombay High Court. It is most gratifying to note that Your Highness's convictions have after all come to be true and the bonafides of Your Highness's connection with the Specie Bank has been finally and officially established. Finding that he had no case against Your Highness, who had all throughout helped the Bank so as to safeguard the interests of the depositors and the shareholders also, the Official Liquidator had after all to acknowledge Your Highness's kind assistance in the most unequivocal terms and the same has been duly and officially recorded in the consent decree passed by Mr. Justice Macleod on 11th February 1916 in the following terms:—

"3. The Liquidator states to the Courts:—

(a) That he withdraws all suggestions as to the Thakore Saheb being a member of the alleged syndicate to whom it was at one time alleged the account of M. Nanabhai related.

(b) That he withdraws all charges made against the Thakore Saheb whether involving any moral obliquity or otherwise.

(c) That he dissociates himself from any suggestions as to any impropriety of conduct on the part of the Thakore Saheb in the purchase of certain shares for a sum of about Rs. 16 lacs from the Bank shortly before the date of the liquidation and on the contrary agrees that the Thakore Saheb bought the said shares to afford financial assistance to the Bank.

(d) That he acknowledge his indebtedness to the Thakore Saheb in assisting him by the arrangement above referred to towards a speedy winding up of the Bank.

Order:—Suit dismissed as against the 4th Defendent.

On this happy and proper termination of this litigation I may be permitted most respectfully to congratulate Your Highness.

10. The year under report witnessed the following changes in the personel of the departmental heads:—Mr. Nanulal N. Gandhi, M. A., LL. B. resigned as Assistant to Dewan and Hazur Court Joint Judge; while Mr. Hakemchand Harjiwan Maniar M. A., LL. B. joined the State service as Hazur Assistant

and Mr. Jethalal Dalichand Sanghavi B. A., LL. B. assumed the charge of the Hazur Court as a Joint Judge.

11. It is most gratifying to add that Your Highness is sparing no efforts to bring about the coveted reapproachment with the Wankaner State, as a result of which the relations have taken a more favourable turn during the year under report.

12. The ever watchful care Your Highness takes of the subjects and the almost paternal solicitude Your Highness has to advance their welfare and especially of the agriculturists resulted in opening a model farm at Tankara under the superintendence of Mr. S. L. Gorowala as agricultural expert, and special agricultural machinery and plant were purchased. But on account of the untimely death of the expert the experiment could not be carried out any longer and finally the farm had to be disestablished.

13. The Hunner Prayog or art-workshops started by Your Highness for turning out glass and porcelain wares is going on satisfactorily. As the plant for the glass is not forthcomming on account of war this industry has made no appreciable advance. But the Pottery Department is making good progress under the supervision of Mr. Vanmalidas, the State Engineer and the turn out is very much appreciated by eminent outsiders who have either visited the workshop or utilized its products. The ever increasing demand for the articles manufactured in this factory such as telegraph insulators, porcelain jars and china plates is a striking proof of the success of this concern and we wish the undertaking a prosperous career bringing in rapid increase in its output. The telegraph insulators turned out in this workshop were tested by the Government experts and have well stood comparison with those that are already used by the Government and other railways; it is hoped that the demand for the same will increase appreciably.

14. During the year under report there was a calamitous shortage in the rainfall which gave rise to famine conditions. The early part of the monsoon was most anxious and people had some hope restored by short showers in the month of September which led the cultivators to remove old sprouts and sow wheat and grain in the hope that the tale of monsoon will be more propitious. These hopes were all frustrated and the people had to face the horrors of a complete famine with all its privations and troubles.

15. From the very first rumours of a sparce monsoon Your Highness began to devise special measures to relieve the peasantry and opened before

them the coffers of the agricultural bank which distributed the big sum of Rs. 2,82,162 among the cultivators to enable them to buy food-stuffs and fodder to keep themselves and their numerous cattle not only alive but in a fit condition of health and vigour to avail fully of the next wet season. Besides the State preserves have been laid open to the public to graze their cattle there on payment of a nominal charge called Vana, while large quantities of grass are being sold from the State hay-stacks at a moderate price. Your Highness restricted the exportation of grain or fodder from the limits of the State in order to prevent prices being swelled.

16. We had a large quantity of cotton in pods stored up during St. 1970-71. The work of separating cotton from the pods was undertaken on a large scale during the year. It will interest and gratify Your Highness to know that it afforded work and support to about 600 to one thousand women every day and the empty pods served as fodder to the cattle of the Matvas, Bharwads and the poor. To the respectable poor and widows who could not go out as labourers on public works, this was a means of relief at their very doors. Each Dhada (load) brought them from 6 to 8 pice a day and the empty pods they sold to owners of cattle at cheap rates. To the poor and the Matwa-Bharwads who could not afford to buy grass, these pods was a cheap and nutritive supplement and helped them to pull through the year. This again was so helpful that when the rains, held off during June and July, cultivators from the neighbouring villages who had run through their yearly stock came with their carts for the cotton pods so that the pods may serve as a suppliment to fodder and the women of the house may earn wages.

17. In this connection I cannot help bringing to Your Highness's notice what a godsend the Cher leaves have proved as fodder specially to the villages near the existing Tramway centres, and has to a great extent removed the anxiety to save the cattle. This experience has proved once more the great need of connecting other centres by fresh Tramway lines which although it will entail heavy outlay, will at the same time make this State quite fodder proof against bad seasons by enabling these villagers to secure at least cost promt supply of mangrove leaves of which the State possesses almost an inexhaustible stock.

18. Crowning all these came Your Highness's most unique piece of generosity in remitting the whole of the Vighoti or the annual revenue claims of the State from the cultivators; while the small portions the agriculturist paid to the State from the actual yields of their farms aggregating

Rs. 76,525-6-1 were with characterist large heartedness all handed over to the Agricultural Bank by way of gift.

19. Not resting content with relieving the cultivators and rendering them substantial help Your Highness has also devised measures to provide work to the labouring classes who would otherwise be thrown out of work and employment, on account of failure of rain and the consequent absence of cultivation and harvesting. On an average over 3,000 labourers and workmen have been continuously engaged over the district roads that are being opened all throughout the limits of this State, thus serving a double purpose providing work to the labourers and opening comfortable roads and thorough-fares for Your Highness's subjects. 325 miles of District Roads have already been constructed and laid open, while further 125 miles of such roads are still under construction making in all full 450 miles. Over a lac of Rupees have already been spent after this sort of remedial measures by State Public Works Department between October 1915 to March 1916. While Rs. 12,835 have been advanced in opening new wells for the permanent benefit of the farms.

20. The State employees whose salaries do not exceed Rs. 25 per month have been favoured with a famine allowance called " Monghai " on a graduated scale rising upto 33% of their substantial pay which allowance comes to about Rs. 2,400 per month. All these acts of whole hearted sympathy and benevolence are unmistakable proofs of the great affection Your Highness bears towards Your loyal subject and for which they are truly and really thankful to Your Highness and ever pray to God to grant Your Highness long and prosperous reign ensuring their greatest good.

21. Your Highness has always been most solicitous for the well being of your loyal subjects and has always been eager to alliviate their suffering whenever the same may be brought to your Highness's notice. Your Highness's daily tours through the Districts has enabled Your Highness to know and study the real state of the people in the villages. Coming to know that the ignorant peasantry etc. in the Districts did not either get or, as was more often the case, avail of the medical aid that was given to them free in the various dispensaries opened at the different convenient centres, Your Highness has during the year under report promulgated further orders making medical relief easily accessible to the people even in the remotest villages. The Village Police have been directed to report to the Chief Medical Officer the occurrence of every serious accidents or the outbreak of

any epidemic or the protracted illnees of any one of Your Highness's subjects for a period of over seven days, and the Chief Medical Officer has orders to forthwith send to the place proper officer of his department with all the necessary medical appliances and the Darbar motors are placed at their disposal to ensnre prompt relief. The spread of telephone lines al-throughout the district and the laying out of the net-work of District roads, has tended no less to make this report and the consequent relief quite instantaneous. The beneficial result of this experiment cannot be too highly commended; it has tended to afford relief in the quarters where it was best needed. There cannot be a better proof of the efficacy of this remedial measure than the fact that since it came into force in August last no less than 24 cases were attended to by the chief medical officer and his immediate subordinate at the capital involving cases of snake bite, dislocation, complicated delivery etc. with the result that almost 19 cases proved quite successful.

22. Your Highness's daily motor drives in the districts averaging between 50 to 60 miles a day, have tended to bring Your Highness in close personal touch with your Highness's loyal subjects in the villages. The total mileage done during the year under report came upto 11,089. During these drives, Your Highness has made it a point to mix freely with the people studying their needs, and devising ways and means to enhance their well-being. The direct and personal interest thus taken by Your Highness in the welfare of the subjects in the districts also cannot be too highly commended as it gives the people in the villages an easy access to the Royal presence and tends to obviate any unnecessary delay in giving relief where the same may be really required.

23. In the domain of education, both primary as well as secondary, Your Highness has so to say made it a point to carry the illuminating rays of learning even to the remotest and darkest corners and with a view to achieve this goal the primary education is made compulsory and schools have been opened at central places within easy access of all the villages within a given radius. At these schools urchins including the boys of peasants receive daily lessons in the three Rs. to fit themselves for their respective future career as wordly beings. In the High Schools eight scholerships are endowed for the benefit of the needy youths who may not have otherwise the wherewithal to prosecute their studies with, while two students are sent all the way to England there to receive at the expense of the State liberal education. It is gratifying to note that out of the 15 students sent up for

the Matriculation examination this year no less than 13 came out successful the percentage of the successful candidates being 86·6.

24. With a view to encourage spread of education among the scions of the warrior class a Girasia Boarding has been opened in the State, where the sons of the Bhayats are both housed and educated. This hostel is situated on the river bank and occupies a prominent and lovely site. Twelve such youths took advantage of this institution during the report year, six of whom were maintained at the expense of the State. All the boys are under the direct and personal supervision of an elderly Girasia. These boarders attend the V. C. High School during the usual school hours and besides get the benefit of private tution at the hands of two teachers specially retained for that purpose. The average annual expenditure of this hostel comes to Rs. 175 per head.

25. With these preliminary remarks I beg to proceed with the details of the Administration.

Chapter II.

Revenue Administration.

26. The revenue year commences from the 1st of October and ends with the 30th September. The Total average rainfall for all the districts was 8·78 inches being 13·10 inches less than in the preceding year. Owing to this abnormal shortage in the average rainfall the harvest has entirely failed and famine condition has prevailed althroughout the District.

27. The revenue administration of the Adhoi Mahal of the State which lies in Wagad in the Cutch Peninsula, is conducted by a Mahalkari on the Bhagbatai system while that of the rest of the territory is carried on according to the Khatabundhi one. It is under contemplation to introduce the Vighoti system in the Adhoi Mahal to bring it on a line with the rest of the Districts in Kathiawar.

28. The Committee of six patels, referred to in the last year's report, with one more patel of greater experience, as the president constituted to represent the cultivators before the Durbar, in the discussion of revenue matters affecting their interests, continues to work satisfactorily and forms a desirable link between the Durbar and the cultivators.

29. The *Ekajuty* system, that has been recently introduced in this State, on the lines of the co-operative credit movements has continued to work sucessfully inspiring a welcome spirit of industry and vigilance. The system

has tended to mutual good and harmony amoung the agriculturists, as a result whereof I am glad to report to your Highness the cultivators have one and all kept up there level of hard work, and there has not been a single instance in which a village had to bear the burden of any individual member.

30. An agricultural Bank, is also being maintained under the supervision of the State. The cultivators regularly deposit by way of investment a fixed percentage on the extent of land each cultivates that is 6¼ % on the amount of Vighoti each pays to the Durbar. The fund thus accumulating yields fruitful results to the cultivators and serves as a never failing support during the years of scarcity and famine and works as an insurance against all unforeseen calls. There cannot be any better and more convincing proof of the most beneficial results of these compulsary savings than the fact that owing to the present crisis due to the sparce monsoon, the Agricultural Bank has already distributed over three lacs of rupees amongst its depositors, thus supplying them with the where-withal to purchase food for their own family and fodder for their valuable cattle. The fund stood at Rs. 4,09,421-12-10 before the failure of harvest necessitated the above distribution. It is needless to say that the beneficial results of this Bank are being highly appreciated by the agriculturists.

31. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report without once more urging the essential desirability of a direct connection with the outlying portion of our territory, viz. Adhoi Mahal which is otherwise isolated in Wagad, by means of the modern means of transport and communication namely a Tramway and a Telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardships, to the public for want of such direct communications, cannot be overrated, while to our Adhoi subjects this privation is quite intolerable; they feel, as it were entirly cut off from the outside world and are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally enormous while the inconvenience to our farmers, in the disposal of their produce and in securing the necessaries of life is also most pressing, and it is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may now earnestly endeavour to secure to the Adhoi Mahal, the benefits of the modern means of speedy communications, so that Your Highness's subjects in that Mahal may be placed on the same footing as Your Highness's other subjects as regards commerce, education and general advancement in the other domain of life.

Chapter III.

Protection.

Police.

32. The Total force of this State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report stood at 876. At the head of the department is the Superintendent of Police who is assisted by one Assistant Police Superintendent and besides has under him, one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

33. The force consists of 175 regular police, 36 mounted ones, and 667 irregular foot police, including the Village police, Arabs, Mukranis etc.

34. The total cost of the Police Department in the year was Rs. 72,217-5-11 as against Rs. 67,359-5-4 during the last year. The increase being due to the famine allowance given to the employees.

35. The ratio of the whole force comes to one man per every 110 men of the entire population.

36. Of the total force again 264 were posted in the town and suburb of Morvi while 614 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal in Wagad.

37. During the year under report 24 were reduced while 35 were newly enlisted.

38. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 171 as against 177 during the previous year while the number of the accused arrested stood at 292 as against 260 of the last year. Of these 228 were convicted and sentenced leaving 44 as those who were acquitted and discharged.

39. The value of the property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 1,976-2-4 as against Rs. 2,747-3-8 during the preceding year and the property recovered amounted to Rs. 600-7-10 as compared with Rs. 1,527-5-8 worth recovered during the last year, the percentage of recovery being 30·3 as against 55·5 of the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

40. The courts established for the administrations of criminal justice are:—

4 Megistrates Courts (original)

1 With first class and 3 with second class powers, including the one at Adhoi.

1 Sirnyayadhish Court (the sessions cases and appeals.)

1 Hazur Court (appeals.)

41. The work done by these Courts respectively will appear from the appendices VII and VIII, from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 523 involving 969 persons as against 564 cases involving 1145 persons during the preceding year. Of these 969 persons so brought up for trial 322 were convicted and sentenced while 461 were discharged without trial and 149 were acquitted, 3 were committed to the Sessions Court, one died during trial and 33 were awaiting their trial at the end of the year.

42. The Appellate Court decided 14 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were upheld in 4 cases, modified in 4 and reversed in 3 cases, while 3 appeals were pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

43. There are the following Courts of Civil Justice.

(1) Hazur Court.
(2) Sirnyayadhish Court.
(3) Small causes Court.
(4) Divani Nyayadish Court at Morvi.
(5) Nyayadhish Court Adhoi
(6) Nyayadhish Court Nothern Division.
(7) Nyayadhish Court Southern Division

44. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of Appeal and also exercises the powers of Revisions and Reference, while the Sirnyayadhish Court forms the Court of 1st appeal to which appeals are preferred against the decisions of the Divani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and of the 3 District Courts. The Divani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with the powers to hear suits of any value, while the three District courts have got limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Morvi Divani Nyayadish court.

45. The year opened with a balance of 70 suits left undecided, while 564 new ones were filed making in all 634; of these 546 were disposed of leaving over a balance of 88 as undecided. Out of these 564 new suits, 14 related to immovables and 537 were for money claims while 13 were for the enforcement of miscellaneous rights.

46. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of the first instance was Rs. 52,072-6-3 as against Rs. 1,61,162-6-8 in the previous year. Further details aro given in Appendix X.

47. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report, in the two Appellate Courts was 17 which together with the opening balance of 41 gave a total of 58. Of these 37 were disposed of with the result that in 16 cases, the decisions of the lower courts were confirmed, reversed in 13 and amended in 4 cases while two case was remanded for retrial by the original Court.

48. The year opened with a balance of 285 pending applications for the execution of the decrees which with 516 fresh ones presented during the year under report, made the total of 801, out of which 672 were disposed of leaving a balance of only 129 pending at the end of the year.

Extradition.

49. The number of offenders extradited by the State to others for their regular trial was 22 as against 6 during the previous year, while that of the accused so received by this State was also 22 as against 10 during the preceding year.

Jails.

50. There is one central Jail at Morvi and 3 more subordinate ones at the District head quarters, viz, Tankara, Derala and Adhoi. The number of the prisoners at the close of the last year was 53, which with 140 new admissions gave the total of 193. Of these 141 were discharged at the expiration of their terms leaving 52 prisoners in the Jails at the end of the year.

51. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 15·242, as against 58·253 of the last year.

52. The total gross expenditure exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards was Rs. 2,316, as against Rs. 3,700-0-5 in the preceding year.

Registration.

53. The number of the documents presented for registration during the year was 268 as against 214 during the past year. The total declared value of property affected by these documents so registered amounted to Rs. 1,96,115-3-0 as against Rs. 1,48,051-12-0 during the preceding year. The major portion of these documents i. e. 131 related to mortgages and 94 to sales while 39 were money bonds and 4 related to miscellaneous questions as

stated in Appendix XIV. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 463-11-0.

Municipalities.

54. There are four Municipalities in the State, viz. at Morvi, Tankara, Wawania and Adhoi, all of them being maintained at State expenses, the most important of all being at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 5,714-2-3 as against Rs. 6,629-11-2 of the last year.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution.

Weather and Rainfall.

55. Appendix XVII gives the details of rainfall in the State during the samvat year 1971 (1915 A. D.) from which it will appear that we had 12 cents of rainfall in April while that in June was only 4 cents, in July 3-15 inches, August 48 cents and in September and October 1-62 and 3-37 respectively making in all 8-78 inches as against 21-89 during the preceding year.

56. The total rainfall was thus far below the normal and gave rise to famine conditions as it was not at all sufficient for cultivation either of grain, cotton or fodder.

57. The area under sugarcane during the year under report was 212½ bighas and there were 64 sugarcane plantations.

58. Chasia wheat was sown during the year over 10272½ Bighas as against 1316 Bighas of last year while irrigated wheat were grown in 2760½ bighas as against 2129½ bighas in the preceding year.

59. Cotton was grown over 185500¼ bighas against 181700 bighas of the previous year.

60. There are several plantations in the State mostly consisting of Babul trees, which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. No babul trees were planted this year on account of want of rain.

Horticulture.

61. The Darbar maintains the public park and many other gardens at Morvi and there are several other gardens in the Districts chiefly at Tankara and Adhoi. The gardens at Morvi have undergone vast improvements and with the different varieties of seeds sown there they have been yielding a handsome harvest of sweet fruits and fragrant flowers. The

monsoon having unfortunately failed the gardens did not get water in sufficient quantity and hence the yield during the year under report has fallen far below the average of the past years. Measures were taken to procure the necessary water supply for these plantations and I have not the least doubt that with the monsoon setting in propitiously this industry will once more make a rapid advance yielding bumptuous harvest of delicious fruits and oderous flowers.

62. Under the standing orders of Your Highness the cultivators had undertaken to plant one tree per Santi every year. The State has now taken in hand this plantation work, and it is hoped, that in course of a few years the whole of the State will be studded over with trees. Owing to nearness of the Runn of Cutch the Morvi district was almost bereft of trees and hence, the success of Your Highness's earnest efforts in this direction will accomplish a double purpose, forming groves giving an elegant appearance to the districts and will tend to draw down more rain by its moisture.

Manufactures and Industries.

63. The local workshop may be regarded as the best equipped one in Kathiawar, being provided with upto date plant and has kept up its reputation for turning out Railway materials and for manufacturing splendid furniture. Besides producing all the desirable machinery for the Railway etc, the workshop serves as a model training school for the youngsters in the field of mechanics giving them practical work as fitters, and artizans thus enabling them to earn a decent living. Over and above this the workshop provides ample and paying work to a number of artizans and workmen.

64. All the Railway work is done here, including the construction of rolling stock. The cast iron and the brass foundaries are also doing satisfactorily. There is one Dynamo working to supply eletric power to the palace and to the offices called the Hill Buildings.

65. There are altogether four Ginning factories viz, at Morvi, Tankara, Rangpur and Jetpur. The Morvi factory is worked by 100 gins. There is also one Hydrolic press at Morvi. Both the factory and the press are not sufficient to cope with the ever increasing work entrusted to them. It has consequently been Your Highness's intention to increase the numbers of the gins to 200 and to add one more full press.

66. With a view to introduce new industries in the State Your Highness opened in 1909 an industrial and experimental Department. Several experiments were made for the manufacture of china, stone and earthenwares,

firebricks, tiles and salt glazed pipes. Rs. 35,000 were at first invested after purchasing the necessary machinery and plant, while with the further expenses incurred in housing the same and building suitable ovens etc. for the purposes of carrying on the experiments gives a total of Rs. 71,500. A further instalment of machinery worth Rs. 20,000 has been recently added to those already aworking. The undertaking has unfortunately suffered a serious set back, in the death of Mr. Gokaldas R. Mehta, who was the soul of these experimental works; but I am glad to report to Your Highness that the work is being satisfactorily continued and carried on under the able guidance of the present State Engineer.

67. The chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade.

68. The Morvi Railway and the net work of the Tramway lines which form the connecting links between the District centres and the capital as also the cotton press and the ginning factories give great stimulus and facilities to trade and labour. While the port of Navlakhi connected as it is with the capital by Tramway line affords further facilities to merchants carrying on trade with the Distant ports. The two Northernly branches of tram lines, namely the one leading to our ports of Vawania and Navlakhi 22 & 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station and the other one running to Jetpur (16 miles) and thence to Khakhrechi, chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles) afford great facilities to the Malia subjects, by connecting the Malia territories, which are otherwise quite isolated, with Morvi, and thence through the Morvi Railway with the rest of Kathiawar. Naturally therefore, these Tramway lines have got the monopoly of the entire Malia traffic. The proposed extension of the Dhrangadhra-Halwad line to Malia would most prejudicially affect, the traffic of these lines and also eventually of the Morvi Railway and Your Highness has therefore quite properly protested against the said extension.

69. It has been recently ordered by the Government that Government sanction must be previously obtained by the Native States, for opening any fresh Tramway lines. In this State the Tramways have been aworking for the last over 25 years and have proved to be a source of immence convenience and comfort to the people in general. The restriction now enforced by the Government will therefore come in the way of affording to the people living

in places far removed from trade centres, a much needed, cheap and convenient means of communications and will also tantamount to interference in the internal administrations of a Native State. As I have stated in the last year's report, all the States in Kathiawar are considering the question of submitting a representation to the Government for the with-drawal of this newly imposed restriction and this State earnestly hopes that the Government of India will give a kind consideration to same.

70. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 19,37,490-15-0 as agaisnt Rs. 21,12,764-8-0 in the preceding year. The increase being due to less produce at home on account of famine and heavy rates.

71. The total value of exports during the year under report was Rs. 12,63,125-9-3 as against Rs. 17,74,410-1-3 during the preceding year. The decrease being due to less produce of cotton and lower rates.

Public Works.

72. The total expenditure during the year on public works amounted to Rs. 1,86,426-4-1 and Kories 3,496-9 of which Rs. 1,03,762-14-5 and Kories 3,264-4½ were spent on original works while Rs. 82,663-5-8 and Kories 232-4½ at Adhoi were spent on repairs.

General Condition.

73. The general health of the people continued to be good and there was no epedemic of plague or cholera during the year under report. The birth rate showed an increase of 527 births during the year above those in the previous one, while there were only 91 deaths more than those during the preceding year.

74. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and decrepit amounted to Rs. 4,116 while private relief given to the respectable needy amounted to Rs. 230-11-3.

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

75. The following table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending with 30th September 1915 as compared with the respective figures for the previous year.

	Samwat 1970.	Samwat 1971.	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue	12,67,604-6-0	12,74,839-1-4	7,234-11-4	...
Expenditure	8,03,850-9-0	6,24,005-4-9	...	1,79,845-4-3

The above statement shows an increase of Rs. 7,234-11-4 in revenue and a decrease of Rs. 1,79,845-4-3 in expenditure.

76. The returns from the customs duties amounted to 70,870-7-5 as against Rs. 68,551-15-0 of the last year. The increase of Rs. 2,318-8-4 being due to greater imports.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

77. The total number of births registered during the year under report was 2,512 as against 1,985 during the last year, thus showing an increase of 529 births; while total deaths during the same periods were 1,386 and 1,295 respectively giving an increase of 91 deaths only during the report year. The death rate per mile of population stood at 15·3 as against 13·5 of the previous year.

Medical Relief.

78. The total number of institutions that gave medical relief during the year was seven viz, an Asylum and a Hospital at the Capital and 5 more Dispensaries at the different centres; while one more Hospital Assistant travelled through the Districts where there may not be any dispensary within easy access of the public there. It is most gratifying to note that this, so to say, itinerant dispenser of medical relief had proved to be a much needed and valuable boon to the poor. In cases of serious illness or accidents etc. the assistance of the highest medical officers of the State have been recently made accessible to the people of the remotest districts and in such cases the services of the Darbar motor cars and the State Telephone lines have been placed at the disposal of the Medical Department and the public also.

79. The total number of the patients treated in these institutions came upto 30,466 outdoor and 60 indoor patients, in all 30,526 as against 28,175 outdoor and 90 indoor ones, in all 28,265 treated during the preceding year, thus showing an increase of 2,261 in the aggregate total. The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 262·3 while that at the Asylum

was 3·5, at Adhoi 33·9, at Tankara 39·7, at Jetpur 33·3 at Wawania 41·5 and at Ghantila 25.

80. The total cost of the institutions was Rs. 12,655-2-4.

Asylum.

81. The Asylum at Morvi is purely a charitable institution maintained by the State where the sick, poor and decrepit are both nursed and fed free of charge. It is under the control of the Chief Medical officer. The Asylum consists of several blocks or wards, built on the river bank on a high level, and is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major as well as minor operations. During the report year 60 indoor patients were admitted. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came upto Rs. 2,038-5-6 during the year.

Vaccination.

82. The Chief Medical Officer has got the direct supervision of this department and is assisted by the hospital asssistants who do the inspection work in the districts.

83. There were 2,438 children vaccinated during the year under report. The several inspectors visited 1,844 children while the Chief Medical Officer inspected 893.

84. The total cost of vaccination this year amounted to Rs. 910-8-11 as against Rs. 892-15-4 last year.

Chapter VII.

Education.

85. The Bai Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the year under report attended by 507 students as against 453 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 377 and 340 respectively. The total expenditure came to Rs. 8,972. The High School has got attached to it a fine Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnesium and cricket, the favourite game of the present generation.

86. There were in all 79 primary schools working during the year and were attended in all by 3,778 students, with the average attendance of 2,635. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 10,423 during the year under report.

87. There are two Girls' schools in the State which were attended by

236 girls with a daily average attendance of 178. The cost of these two schools was Rs. 795. During the preceding year the total attendance stood at 214 with the average attendance of 166 and costing Rs. 600 only.

88. There is one Pathshala known as Ravaji Raj Pathshala where 24 students received liberal tuitions in the divine language at the hands of a learned Shastri, a worthy desciple of the hoary and venerable Shastri, Maha-mahopadhyaya Kavi Shankerlal Mahashwar. The daily attendance at the Pathshala was 17.

89. Six scholarships were awarded during the year under report, 2 for higher studies and four for secondary education.

90. Uptil 1907 education used to be given free to the children of the cultivators only, but as a further stimulus to primary education it has been made free to the students of all classes in the district schools.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

91. The State maintains a Printing Press, where the State Gazette is printed and published every month ; besides an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway, as well as for other State offices is executed here. The Press is also open to the public.

92. The gross earnings during the year stood at Rs. 8,972-10-4 which with the working expenses of Rs. 3,976-10-5 deducted therefrom left the net profit of Rs. 5295-15-11.

Libraries.

93. The Libraries and the reading rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, the seat of all the State offices, where books on several branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State are also presented here. The other library attached to the State Engineer's offices is a unique collection of 2,200 selected books on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12,000.

The State Stud Department.

94. There were six stables and one sickward. The boxes in the stables are built on improved model, and are roomy, comfortable and well ventilated.

They are also kept well clean.

95. There is one Veterinary Hospital Assistant who treats sick animals. The Hospital is maintained at State expenses, but is also open to the public.

Survey.

96. Surveys were carried out in 42 villages measuring 6578¼ Bighas at a cost of Rs. 2,208-3-3 giving an average of Rs. 0-5-1½ per Bigha. The Survey Department had to do also an amount of work in connection with the boundary pillar disputes with the neighbouring States.

Tramway.

97. The total capital expenditure of the Tramway system in all its 3 lines upto now has been Rs 10,62,444-15-9 as against Rs. 8,62,239-13-9, the total of the investment at the end of the previous year.

98. The total gross earnings of all the three lines, viz, Jetpur, Wawania and Tankara came to Rs. 1,04,704-13-0 against Rs. 1,00,382-14-5 in the preceding year while the working expenses amounted to Rs 62,727-9-11 and Rs. 58,720-5-1 respectively for the two years, leaving the net profit of Rs. 41,979-3-11, thus yielding 3·95 percent interest on the total investment.

Chapter IX

Railway.

99. Mr. Stuart William had for somtimes the charge of the Manager's office, as a probationer and was replaced by Mr. Govindji D. Jadav, who has been since holding that charge, over and above his duties as the head of the Audit & Accounts and the Store Departments; Mr. Keshav Trimbak continued at the head of the Traffic Department. Mr. V. K. Rana, Assistant Loco Superintendent, had the charge of the Loco and Carriage Department.

100. The gross earnings of the Railway during the year under report amounted to Rs. 7,78,044 and the working expenses came to Rs. 2,80,766 leaving the net earnings of Rs. 4,92,318, thus giving a percentage of 9·15 on the capital outlay of Rs. 53,80,469.

101. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles.

102. As stated in the last year's report, packages marked " Red Cross Gifts " consigned to the St. John's Ambulance Depot, Bombay, as well as consignments intended for the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency

War and Relief Fund booked to and from any station on this Railway line, were carried free by the passenger trains.

103. Your Highness is well aware that the rails, steel sleepers and such other materials of our old narrow guage Railway, are still lying on hand in sufficiently large quantity. If a new feeder line is opened as is being seriously contemplated by Your Highness connecting Sayala with our main line, as requested by that State, these materials can be very well made use of and the Sayala State will get the long coveted facilities for its stone quarries, while this Railway will be benefitted by the acquisition of further traffic from the surrounding places which have not as yet been favoured with the modern means of conveyance.

General.

104. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the Heads of the Departments and officers who have been one and all so zealous and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work has largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan office,
Morvi, 30th Augest 1916.

BHANJI KANJI,

Dewan, Morvi State.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnel during the year 1915-16.

Names of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From	To.	
Azam Bhanji Kanji...	Dewan	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Tribhowan Fulchand...	Surnyayadhish	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Vanmali Prabhudas L. C. E	State Engineer	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Premshanker Kuberji B. A., L. L. B. ...	First class Magistrate	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Govindji D. Jadav	Superintendent of Police	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Vallabhdas Nanshi L. M. & S.	Chief Medical Officer	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Valamji Kalyanji	State Accountant	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Bhagwanlal Prabhashanker	Revenue Commissioner	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	
„ Pragji M. Patel B. A....	Head Master & V. S. Supdt. ...	1-4-1915	31-3-1916	

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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Act	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
Limitation Act of 1896	yes		
Court fee stamp of 1896	yes		
Stamp Act of 1877	yes		
Registration Act of 1884	yes		
Arms Act of 1890	yes		
Rules re shikar without license	yes		
Hindu Law	yes		
Mahomedan Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State	yes		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance			
Indian Penal Code			

Criminal Act ... ...

Evidence Act ... ...

Contract Act... ... ...

Civil Procedure ... ...

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Morvi State for the year 1915-16.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties. Died.	Casualties. Invalided.	Casualties. Discharged, deserted, &c.	At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns.	Number of men. European Commissioned Officers.	Number of men. Native Commissioned officers.	Number of men. Non-Commissioned officers.	Number of men. Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil*	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry..														
Imperial Service Troops ...														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police, in the Morvi State for the year 1915-16.

Description of Office.	Number,	Pay of grade.	Total cost	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education		Remarks.
				Dismissed	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished judicially	By Promotion	By money	Number able to read and write	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Police Subedar	1	50	600	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
City Fouzdar	1	17	204	..	...	...	...	...	1	..	
Head Constable	1	12	144	..	..	...	..	..	1	..	
Jamadar	1	20	240	...	..	...	..	..	1	..	
Hawaldar	5	16 16 12 / 1 1 3	840	...	..	..	..	...	4	...	
Full Naek	2	12 / 2	288	...	..	..	..	...	2	..	
Second Naek	7	11 10½ / 6 1	918	...	..	...	...	...	7	...	
Lace Naek	13	10 9½ / 12 1	1554	...	..	...	..	...	11	..	
Band Master..	1	45	540	..	...	..	..	..	1	..	

Sepoys Bandmen &c...	137	6 to 10 / 7 to 9	15312-12-5	...	...	...	...	...	126	..	
Writing Constables	5	10	600	...	..	..	...	...	5	...	
Buglar	1	9	108	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Total...	175	...	21348-12-5	..	...	...	...	...	161	...	

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1915-16.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morvi State ...	177	171	260	292	260	292	199	228	61	44	76·4 ~~74·5~~	78·08	76·4 ~~74·5~~	78·08	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	2,747-3-8	1,976-2-4	1,527-5-8	600-7-10	55·5	30·3	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year.	Number of persons apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial	Remarks.
								Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.																			
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total					Simple	Rigorous.	Simple	Rigorous.	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sir Nyayadhish Court ...	...	...	...	8	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	* 2	*include who awa trial in beginnin year
First Class Magistrate C...	25	2	27	210	162	334	124	2	8	6	42	66	...	124	181	...	...	14	26	7	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	* 27	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ... –„–	...	1	1	72	96	138	58	3	7	...	8	40	...	58	78	...	...	9	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
North D. Nyayadhish –„–	...	...	...	158	146	276	82	...	10	...	6	66	...	82	191	...	...	4	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	✓ 3	× 2 comm to ses
South D. Nyayadhish –„–	1	...	1	116	117	218	58	...	2	...	13	43	...	58	159	...	1	10	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	✓ 1 – Da
Total...	26	3	29	564	523	969	322	5	27	6	69	215	...	322	611	...	1	37	45	14	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various courts in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Names of Courts.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at end of year.	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1915-16					Total.								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	12	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	...	2	...	...	...	2	
First Class Magistrate-„-	341	289	23	114	10	187	...	...	398	334	96	85	124	2	...	27	
Adhoi Nyayadhish -„-	107	135	...	35	6	97	...	...	117	138	59	19	58	1	...	1	
North D. Nyayadhish -„-	248	241	...	86	2	188	...	...	310	276	172	19	82	...	...	3	
South D. Nyayadhish -„-	172	184	2	57	13	146	...	...	306	218	134	24	58	1	1	...	
Total...	880	852	26	292	31	618	...	...	1,145	969	461	149	322	~~8~~ 4	1	33	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decision passed by the Criminal Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Tribunals.	Number of applications	Number of persons and cases.																Remarks.
		Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry etc. ordered.		Pending.		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court ...	4	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	
Sirnyayadhish Court	10	2	...	3	3	6	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	14	3	...	5	4	6	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during present year.										Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits re landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs. 100	Number of Suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of Suits above Rs. 5,000	Exparte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
																									Y. M. D.		
Small Cause Court ...	12	24	304	213	316	237	292	226	24	11	7792-3-1	...	213	...	203	10	...	...	...	68	130	12	16	7113-7-3	0-0-12	
Diwani Nyayadhish...	26	43	90	79	116	122	73	47	43	75	35546-0-0	14	52	13	17	43	12	7	...	14	29	1	3	15804-0-9	0-3-0	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	4	3	53	22	57	25	54	23	3	2	741-15-11	...	22	...	21	1	...	...	...	2	5	1	15	758-6-5	0-3-12	
North D. Nyayadhish	...	...	333	158	333	158	333	158	...	...	4724-2-11	...	158	...	149	9	...	...	...	16	124	...	18	4724-2-11	0-0-15	
South D. Nyayadhish	...	...	156	92	156	92	156	92	...	...	3268-0-4	...	92	...	82	10	...	...	...	14	55	...	43	3268-0-4	0-1-10	
Total...	42	70	936	564	978	634	908	546	70	88	52072-6-3	14	537	13	472	73	12	7	...	114	323	14	95	31668-1-8	0-1-21	

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APPENDIX XI.

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing Balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year,			Remarks.
	Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Small Cause Court ...	98	171	7215-1-5	699	234	3647-5-11	797	405	10862-7-4	626	377	10214-1-7	171	28	648-5-9	6	21	1	
Diwani Nyayadhish...	97	~~113~~ 117	85180-13-1	317	103	33104-9-6	414	216	118285-6-7	301	118	34453-10-11	~~113~~ 117	98	83831-11-8	23	22	53	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	43	21	496-15-0	43	21	496-15-0	43	21	496-15-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish	...	...	...	224	131	5142-6-0	224	131	5142-6-0	224	129	4755-9-0	...	2	386-13-0	2	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish	...	1	7-14-0	79	27	1007-10-9	79	28	1015-8-9	78	27	969-6-9	1	1	46-2-0	...	1	...	
Total...	195	~~285~~ 287	92403-12-6	1362	516	43398-15-2	1557	801	135802-11-8	1272	672	50889-11-3	~~285~~ 287	129	84913-0-5	31	44	54	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIVIL WORK—Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during		Total.		Disposed of during		Closing balance		Value of appeals filed during		How disposed of.										Average duration.	
													decision confirmed		decision amended		decision reserved		Cases remanded for re-trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Huzoor Court ...	12	26	16	6	28	32	2	24	26	8	4,801-5-0	5,769-1-0	...	10	1	11	...	1	1	1	...	1	0-11-10	1-3-18
Sirnyayadhish Court	29	15	5	11	34	26	19	13	15	13	283-12-0	5,614-4-0	7	6	7	2	3	3	2	1	...	1	0-11-3	1-5-23
Total...	41	41	21	17	62	58	21	37	41	21	5,085-1-0	11,383-5-0	7	16	8	13	3	4	3	2	...	2	0-11-3	1-4-15

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	No. of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remaarks. (Showing mortality among convicts in Jails).
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	51	90	149	141	58·239	55·229	47	2,060-0-0	Y. M. D. 0-1-25	
Adhoi Jail	1	2	18	14	20	·03	·05	2	192-6-7	0-0-7	
Derala Jail	1	...	15	3	16	·08	·04	3	35-5-8	0-0-1	
Tankara Jail... ...	1	...	16	13	~~16~~ 15	·03	·04	...	28-3-9	0-0-4	
Total ...	4	53	140	179	~~193~~ 192	58·253	~~15·242~~ 55·242	52	2,316-0-0	0-0-17	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Name of State	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds		Wills.		Money-bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office	201	257	102	129	87	93	...	...	9	31 ~~29~~	3	4	201	255	1,45,118-4-0	1,94,223-9-0	...	2	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish "	5	3	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	1,937-8-0	444-4-0	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish "	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	...	...	7	6	796-0-0	806-6-0	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish "	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	200-0-0	641-0-0	...	...	...	...	
Total...	214	268	107	131	87	94	...	...	17	~~37~~ 37	3	4	214	266	148051-12-0	196115-3-0	...	2	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1915 16.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised. Rs.	a.	p.	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised. Rs.	a.	p.	
Mortgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c. ...	214	1,48,051	12	...	381	12	...	268	1,96,115	3	...	433	11	...	
Total ...	214	1,48,051	12	...	381	12	...	268	1,96,115	3	...	463	11	...	
Deduct expenditure...	...	...	...	...	250	11	2	...	...	...	...	223	2	7	
Net profit...	...	...	...	...	131	...	10	...	...	...	...	240	8	5	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Name.	Opening balanee. On 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present.		Past.	Present.		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Morvi State	.....	395-1-7	920-8-9	.....	6629-11-2	5714-2-3	.....	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statemeut of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

State.	April 1915.		May 1915.		June 1915.		July 1915.		August 1915.		September 1915.		October 1915.		November 1915.		December 1915.		January 1916.		February 1916.		March 1916.		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	
Morvi State	0	12	...	...	0	4	3	15	0	48	1	62	3	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	78	21	89	23	28	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Articles.	During March 1915 (Per one Rupee.)			During March 1916 (Per one Rupee)			Remarks.
	Mds.	Seers	Tolas	Mds.	Seers	Tolas	
Bajri	...	19	...	...	18	...	
Jowar	...	27	...	...	23	...	
Rice.....	...	14	...	...	13	...	
Wheat...	...	17	20	...	17	20	
Mug	...	19	...	...	14	...	
Urad	...	19	...	...	14	20	
Gram	...	20	...	...	19	20	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original	Repairs	Total.	Original	Repairs	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railway	1,713-13-7	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. „ „ Tramway	8,374- 8-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. „ Industrial workshop... ...	987- 9-6	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. „ General workshop	618-11-7	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. „ Ginning factory and Press ...	332- 2-1	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. „ Telephone Department ...	1,135- 8-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Paneli Pipe Line	1,151- 4-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Electric light and fan Installation ...	2,811- 4-1	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Land Reclamation	6,749- 6-7	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Working Diamond Drill	8,146- 9-2	...	...	...	...	...	...
11 River face wall at Nilkanth Mahadev Temple.	1,933-15-6	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Establishment charges	10,225-7-11	...	...	...	...	...	...
—„— Kories...	2-19½	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Working motor cars and purchasing them	11,027- 7-8	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Minor works	48,555- 1-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
—„— Kories...	3,261-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Repairs to Roads and Buildings	...	82,663-5-8	...	...	...	...	...
Kories...	...	232-4½	...	...	...	...	...
Rs....	1,03,762-14-5	82663-5-8	1,86,426-4-1	...	...	...	1,86,426-4-1
Kories...	3,264-4½	232-4½	3,496-9				3,496-9

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
				Male.	Female.										
Morvi State... ...	1915-16	18,233	13,507	211	8,315	203	377	89	1,147	36,147	6,907	...	...	4,208	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Morvi	1	3,700	1	1,426	1	226	...	...	3	5,352	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated		Result of indoor patients				Expenditure	Daily average	Remarks.
	Out door	In door	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining			
Morvi State Dispensary ...	18856	...	...	...	...	...	6542-5-5	262·3	
Asylum ,, ...	...	60	46	6	3	5	2038-5-6	3·5	
Adhoi ,, ...	2208	...	...	...	...	...	1056-6-3	33·9	
Tankara ,, ...	3388	...	...	...	...	...	822-10-4	39·7	
Jetpur ,, ...	2199	...	...	...	...	...	624-14-0	33·3	
Wawania ,, ...	1546	...	...	...	...	...	780-12-3	41·5	
ntila ,, ...	2269	...	...	...	...	...	789-12-7	25·0	
Total...	30466	60	46	6	3	5	12655-2-4		

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Name	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State	90230	1985	2512	527	0	1295	1386	91	0	27·7	27·8	13·5	15·3	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1915-16.

Number of schools		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March		Daily Average attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	1	High School	453	507	340	377	8,972	...	...	
1	1	Middle school	53	68	41	46	...	358	...	
77	77	Primary schools	3,348	3,778	2,297	2,635	...	...	11,010	
2	2	Girls schools	214	236	166	178	...	...	795	
1	1	Sanskrit Pathshalla ...	22	24	11	17	...	248	...	

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur,
G. C. I. E.,
Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of Your Highness' State for the year 1916-17.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 15th September 1917.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

Report of the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1915-16.

Chapter I.

General and Political.

The State of Morvi lies, as stated in the previous reports, towards the North of the Peninsula of Kathiawar in its Machhukantha Division, while its Adhoi Mahal is situated in the Wagad portion of the Cutch Peninsula. Both are guaranteed in one Parwana by Colonel Walker.

2. The Machhu-Kantha land is generally level, hills being rare. It is fertile and more favourable to cotton than to other crops. In the Tankara division the quality is medium. The climate is temperate and healthy.

3. The area of the State is 913 square miles, less the area of the villages of Janghi, Amberdi, Chandrodi and Laliana Pati which have been transferred to the Cutch State under the late exchange settlement with that State.

4. The population is, according to the census of 1911, 90,230. The gross revenue of the State for the year under report was Rs. 2,73,742-1-9.

5. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs. 49,209 as Peshkashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,093 as Zortalbi to Junagadh.

6. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness's directions. The chief feature in the administration is that the authority and powers of all the heads of departments have been clearly defined and each within his own sphere is independent of others. In matters of importance, Your Highness is always accessible for advice and guidance. The success that has attended the Administration of the State is mainly due to the watchful care and able guidance and above all to the personal example of Your Highness' stern and unflinching devotion to duty. The tone of efficiency in the working of the various departments has consequently been maintained at the same level as heretofore.

7. During the year under report, the measures taken in the cause of the Empire during the war were as under. In addition to the contributions and offers noticed in the reports of previous years, Your Highness attended the great war sale held in Bombay in December 1916 and made purchases of the

total value of over Rs. 37,000. It is worthy of note that Your Highness is the possessor of the picture presented by Her Majesty the Queen Empress. Your Highness further purchased 50 Raphel tickets at a cost of Rs. 500 and this was followed by a purchase of 50 tickets of the Western India Turf Club Lottery in aid of the War Loan. Your Highness also continued your monthly subscription to the Tailoring Fund of the Women's Branch. The State workshop continued to manufacture base-plates for shells, and the Morvi Railway, in addition to the Engine supplied in the previous year, supplied 3 brake-vans and 10 wagons for use in Mesopotamia. Your Highness also contributed about Rs. 2,000 to the Matheran Lucky Bag.

8. Immediately on the issue of the Indian War Loan, Your Highness began to take keen interest in its success and has been most active in popularising the loan among the subjects of this State. Your Highness' personal efforts in this behalf resulted in the total subscription to this Loan of Victory of over 23 lacs of Rupees from this State. Your Highness himself subscribed to the War Bonds Rs. Sixteen Lacs and a half over and above the War Bonds of £ 14,000 of the British War Loan purchased in England. Their Highnesses, the Rani Sahebs, have taken War Bonds of the value of Rs. 1,50,000, while the public of this State have, among themselves, subscribed a further sum of Rs. 3 lacs and nineteen thousand to the Loan. In purchasing War Bonds for Rs. 9 Lacs through Messrs Premchand Roychand & Sons Your Highness induced them to give up their brokerage for the use of the War and with commendable patriotism they consented and thus under instructions from Your Highness they sent Rs. 1,125 to His Excellency Lady Willingdon's Women Branch of the War Fund. The Bank of India also, out of regard for Your Highness' wishes, with equal patriotism, consented to give up their brokerage on 7 lacs invested through them and the sum of Rs. 875 have been sent to the same Fund.

9. As soon as the Liquidater of the Indian Specie Bank declared his final dividend, Your Highness, with a view to give a lead to other contributories, to help the War Loan to the extent of 36 Lacs of Rs. without opening their purses and, at the same time, to obtain a good return for their investment, wrote to the Liquidator expressing Your intention to invest Your Highness' dividend of Rs. 8½ Lacs in the purchase of War Loan and instructed him to do so.

10. During the year under report, the Government of India took the statesman- like step of convening an informal conference of Ruling Princes

of India to discuss questions of vital importance connected with the Native States. Your Highness, with Maharaj Kumar Shri Lakhdhirji Saheb, heir-apparent, attended this conference in October 1916 and took part in the deliberations of the assembled Princes and also worked on the sub-committees appointed to discuss various problems. The success that has attended this conference proves its great utility and desirability in solving many important problems connected with Native States.

11. It is also gratifying to note that the claims of the Native States as an integral part of the British Empire are being recognised to a greater degree as is evidenced by the nomination of His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner to the Imperial War Conference recently convened in London.

12. This year heralded the birth of a son to Maharaj Kumar Shri Lakhdhirji Saheb. There were great rejoicings in the city in celebration of this happy event and sweets were distributed.

13. Kumar Shri Ajitsinhji, one of Your Highness' Kumars, who had been studying in England, had a severe illness which, to the deep sorrow of Your Highness, the Raj Kutumb and the subjects, ended in the untimely death of the Kumar Saheb at the youthful age of 31 only on the 6th July 1916.

14. Your Highness had also to mourn the loss of the infant Kumar Shri, the son ofMaharaj Kumar Shri Lakhdhirji Saheb, which was followed by the mournful news of the death of the Mota Vahu Shree of the Maharaj Kumar Saheb. These three calamities in rapid succession of each other threw the Raj Kutumb and the entire public into profound grief and sorrow.

15. This State can take just pride in the recent nomination of Sir Prabhashanker D. Pattani K. C. I. E. to the Council of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, as he is a Morvian and Your Highness' loyal and loving subject and besides the first Kathiawar statesman to rise to such a high position.

16. Morvi can well boast of having produced a genius in Mahamahopadhyaya Kavi Shankerlal Maheshwar, an intelectual giant who has placed the learned public of India and the Sanskrit literature under a great debt by his numerous Sanskrit works. Your Highness was naturally proud of such an illustrious subject and he, the latter, found in Your Highness a most liberal patron. Kavi Shankerlal had a very severe illness during the year under report which, in spite of the most prompt and efficient medical treatment that was arranged for him by Your Highness, ended in his death to the grief of Your Highness as also of his many disciples and admirers.

17. During the year under report Mr. Harjiwan Shamji Parekh reverted to his former post of First Class Magistrate and Mr. Premshanker K. Pandya B. A. L. L. B. continued in charge of the Diwani Nyayadhish Court.

18. It is well-known that Your Highness is very zealous in opening and developing industrial institutions in the State. A Hunner-Prayog or art workshop has been started here for turning out glass and procelain wares. On account of the war the necessary plant for glass could not be brought out and hence no progress has been made in this department. But the pottery works are making good and appreciable advance, though not such as Your Highness would wish, under the supervision of Mr. Vanmalidas, the State Engineer. Telegraph insulators, procelain jars and china plates are being manufactured here in sufficient quantity to meet the ever-increasing demand that is being made for them from various quarters. The telegraph insulators turned out by this workshop were tested by the Government expert and have well stood comparison with those now used by Government and other Railways. It is therefore but legitimate to hope that the demand for these insulators will gradually increase ensuring greater success to this institution.

19. On account of heavy shortage of rain during the previous year, famine conditions of that year continued to exist during the greater part of the year under report, till the advent of monsoon with tolerably good rain in July and August brought in a change for the better. As stated in the last report, Your Highness, always eager to ensure the well-being of your subjects, had, from the very beginning, devised measures to relieve the public of all classes and grades, which in the end proved most efficacious and helped them to get through the period of famine with comparative ease. The Agricultural Bank helped the peasantry a great deal. They drew from it no less than Rs. 2,83,578. With these funds they were able to buy foodstuffs for themselves and their family and fodder for their live-stock, and were thus able to keep them not only alive but in a fit state of health and vigour to avail fully of the next wet season. Besides, the various State preserves were opened up for their cattle at a very reduced charge, while grass for the total value of Rs. 3,329 was sold to them on credit from the State hay-stacks. Similarly, they were allowed to purchase on credit from the State over 20 thousands maunds of cotton seeds worth Rs. 37,561-6-3.

20. With a view to husband the stock of grass and to provide a very cheap means of sustenance for the cattle of the Matwas and Bharwads, as also of the poor peasantry, the work of separating cotton

from cotton pods, stored up during the Samwat year 1970-71, was taken in hand on a large scale. This served a double purpose. It provided work easily accessible to the respectable poor and widows, whom each Dhada-load brought about 8 pice, while, as stated above, it provided cheap fodder for the cattle of the poor cowherds and Matwas. Similarly, the supply of Cher leaves from the vast Cher jungles, it is gratifying to note, proved almost a God-send to poor cultivators etc. of the neighbouring villages. Experience in this connection has once more proved the great need of connecting other centres and especially the coast towns by tramway lines. Although these will entail heavy outlay, they will also make this State almost fodder proof against bad seasons by enabling the villagers to secure an easy supply of Cher leaves at the least cost.

21. On account of this shortage of rain the Vighoti or the annual land revenue of the State, amounting to over 8 Lacs of Rupees, was wholly remitted, while the small portion the cultivators paid to the State from their actual produce, totalling Rs. 76,525-6-1, was also, with Your Highness' characteristic large-heartedness, all handed over to their Agricultural Bank by way of gift.

22. The cultivators were, moreover, advanced in all Rs. 16,135 in order to enable them to sink wells, so that in bad seasons they can, by the help of these wells, irrigate their vadis and grow wheat and Juwari therein, to provide them with food and fodder.

23. Over and above these measures, the State further advanced a sum of Rs. 1,47,532 to the cultivators who stood in special need for further help. Thus, in addition to the total remission of the whole vighoti of eight Lacs of Rupees and the out and out gift of Rs. 76,725-6-4, stated above, the State advanced to these cultivators over two Lacs of Rupees by way of famine relief.

24. The effect of these measures was far-reaching. The cultivators have all been kept in full vigour ready to avail of the first appearance of the monsoon. And what is worthy of note, over one hundred new cultivators came and settled in the State, without the State losing one of its own.

25. Your Highness's sympathy did not stop by relieving the farmers, the backbone of society, but it went further even to the labouring classes. For those members of the Agricultural Class who had no facilities for irrigation or who were left without suitable work for want of rain, as also for the other labouring classes, there was ample work on the district roads. In fact wages kept so high that labour was not sufficiently obtainable. Over 325

miles of district and motor roads had been already constructed to which an addition of 25 miles of new roads was made during the current year, making in all 350 miles. In addition to this 175 miles of the existing roads underwent necessary repairs.

26. After these relief works the sum of Rs. 1,68,649-7-2 was spent, thus affording work to the labourers and providing an easy means of communication to the public of the State.

27. One effect of the famine was that the prices of food-stuffs went up and hence the State employes, specially those of the lower grade, were sorely affected. Your Highness extended Your kindness to these, Your Highness's dutiful servants, and ordered Monghai allowance to be given to those of the State employes whose salary was less then Rs. 25 per month. This famine allowance was fixed on a sliding scale rising up to 33% of the substantive pay which is more than the rules provide, and it cost the State the total sum of Rs. 32,000. All these acts of whole-hearted sympathy and direct and active help to Your Highness's loyal subjects of all grades and status in life but too clearly demonstrate the great affection Your Highness ever bears to them. The recipients of these gracious favours will remain ever thankful to Your Highness for the same.

28. Your Highness's daily motor tours in the district, averaging from 50 to 60 miles a day, have brought Your Highness in direct and personal touch with Your Highness's subjects in the moffusil also. The total mileage done during the year under report came up to 15,955 miles. These tours are not pleasure drives only. They have a predetermined programme so that every part of the State is visited and attended to at short intervals. As each individual petitioner on the tour cannot be fully attended to, Your Highness has ordered a number of cards to be printed in which the petitioner is asked to take the card to the Department to which the subject matter of his grievance relates and to submit his case to the officer concerned and the Officer is directed to make inquiries and to submit his report to Your Highness. These cards are always with Your Highness during your daily tours and if any one has any representation to make, a card is dropped to him and in this way his grievance is enquired into, made known to Your Highness and attended to. Your Highness makes it a point during these tours to mix freely with the people and to study their needs. The direct and personal interest taken by Your Highness in the welfare of the subjects in the villages cannot be too highly commended, as it gives the people in the

villages an easy access to their Ruler's presence and tends to remove any delay in giving relief where the same may be really and promptly needed.

29. Although there are about nine dispensaries opened for administering medical relief to the subjects, free of charge, a special philanthropic measure has been devised for the benefit of the people in the villages, which enjoins upon the village police the duty of reporting to the Chief Medical Officer at the capital, by telephone, the happening of any serious accident or the existence of any serious illness or dangerous cases &c., and the Chief Medical Officer is directed forthwith to arrange for the necessary relief to the party concerned by proceeding to the scene of such accident or illness.

30. The laying out of the net-work of district roads and telephone lines, all through the length and breadth of the State, has made such report and the consequential relief almost instantaneous, thanks to the further facility the State motor cars afford in such cases. These have been placed at the disposal of the medical staff, free of charge, to enable them to proceed to the spot at once. The beneficial result of this measure cannot be too highly commended, as it has given relief where it was urgently and promptly needed.

31. During the year under report, no less than 183 cases were treated in this manner by the Chief Medical Officer and his immediate subordinates, involving cases of snake bites, burns, opium poisoning, pneumonia, dislocation of limbs &c. Of these no less than 90 were cured, while the result in 50 cases was not ascertained.

32. with a view to accelerate the spread of education among the masses, Your Highness has made primary education compulsory and additional schools have been opened at convenient centres where children are trained in the rudiments of the three Rs. There are no less than 147 schools in the State teaching, on an average, daily over 3600 students, in addition to those studying in the High school at Morvi. Eight scholarships have been endowed in the High school for the benefit of the poor students who may not otherwise be able to prosecute their studies further. Two more studants have been sent all the way to England to recieve higher education at State expense. This year the Ba Shree Nana Maniba scholar Mr. Navalchand P. Sanghavi passed the B. A. Examination and the scholarship thus falling vacant has been awarded to Moti Bhim ı, a Kunbi, who, after finishing his secondary education here, is now at college.

33. A Girassia boarding is opened here where the sons of Bhayats and Girasias can live and carry on their studies undisturbed. During the year under report there were nine youths studying in this hostel which is situated on the river bank on a lovely site. These boarders are all under the personal care and supervision of an elderly Girassia and have further got the benefit of private tuition at the hands of two teachers specially retained for that purpose. All these nine students are making satisfactory progress as all of them were successful at their last annual examination.

34. The average expenditure after each boarder comes to about Rs. 15 per month.

35. With these preliminary remarks I beg to proceed with the details of the administration.

Chapter II.

Revenue Administration.

36. The revenue year commences from the 1st of October and ends with the 30th September. The total average rainfall for all the Districts was 16 inches as compared with 8·78 inches of the past year, being 7·22 inches in excess. The previous year's abnormal shortage in the average rainfall had given rise to famine conditions.

37. The revenue administration of the Adhoi Mahal of the State which lies in Wagad in the Cutch Peninsula is conducted by a Mahalkari on the Bhagbatai system, while that of the rest of the territories is carried on according to the Khatabandhi system. It is intended to introduce the Vighoti system in Adhoi so as to bring it on a level with the rest of the Districts of the State.

38. The Committee of six Patels, referred to in the previous reports with one more Patel of greater experience as their president, continued to represent the cultivators before the Darbar in the discussion of revenue matters affecting their interests. This Committee forms a desirable link between the Darbar and the cultivators and continues to do its works satisfactorily.

39. The Ekajuti system, recently introduced into the State on the co-operative credit lines, works on smoothly and satisfactorily and has inspired a welcome spirit of industry and vigilance among the farmers. It has further tended to foster mutual good understanding and harmony among the cultivators, as a result whereof, I am glad to report to Your Highness, they have

one and all kept up their level of hard work. It is further gratifying to note that there has not been a single instance in which a village had to bear the burden of any individual member.

40. An Agricultural Bank is also maintained under the State supervision. The cultivators regularly deposit here, by way of investment, a fixed percentage on the extent of land of each cultivator, viz, $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the amount of the total Vighoti each pays to the State. The fund thus accumulating yields fruitful results to the cultivators and serves as a never-failing support during the year of scarcity and famine, and also works as an insurance against all unforeseen calls. The striking proof of the success of this Bank is that during the recent crisis, owing to shortage of rain, the Bank advanced Rs. 2,83,578 to its depositors from which they were able to buy the necessary food stuffs and fodder. The funds of this Bank now stand at Rs. 4,09,988-14-3. It is needless to say that the agriculturists themselves very highly appreciate the benefits of this Bank.

41. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report without once more urging the great necessity of a direct connection with the outlying portion of our territory, viz, the Adhoi Mahal, which is situated in Wagad, by means of the modern means of transport and communication, such as, a Tramway and Telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardship to the public for want of such direct and speedy means of communication cannot be overrated, which to our Adhoi subjects is quite intolerable. They feel as if they were entirely cut off from the outside world and they are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally great. It is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may now earnestly endeavour to secure to the Adhoi Mahal the benefits of modern means of speedy communication so that Your Highness's subjects in that Mahal may be placed on the same footing as Your Highness's other subjects as regards facilities for commerce, education and general advancement.

Chapter III.

Protection.

42. The total force of this State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report stood at 878. The head of the Department is the Superintendent of Police who is assisted by one Personal Assis-

tant and besides has under him one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

43. The force consists of 176 regular police, 36 mounted police, and 666 irregular foot police, including the Village police, Arabs, Makranis &c.

44. The total cost of this Department, in the year under report, was Rs. 85,625-4-5- as against Rs. 72,217-5-1 during the previous year, the increase being due to famine allowance having been given to members of the lower grade.

45. The ratio of the total force comes to one man for every 108 men of the entire population.

46. Of the total force again 264 were posted in the town and suburb of Morvi, while 614 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal in Wagad.

47. During the year under report 22 were reduced while 30 were newly enlisted. There were still 27 vacancies to be filled up, but inspite of the best efforts of the department recruits were not available.

48. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 160 as against 171 of the previous year, while the number of persons arrested stood at 208 as against 292 of the last year. Of these 208 accused persons, 141 were convicted and sentenced, while 62 were either acquitted or discharged.

49. The value of the property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 4,315-5-1 as against Rs. 1,976-2-4 of the previous year, while the property recovered was of the value of Rs. 1654-15-4 as against Rs. 600-7-10 worth recovered during the preceding year. The percentage of recovery was 38·4 against 30·3 of the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

50. The Courts established for the administration of Criminal Justice are:—

4 Magistrate Courts (original), of these one at Morvi has the powers of a First Class Magistrate and the remaining three have those of a Second Class Magistrate.

1 The Sir Nyayadhish Court (sessions cases & appeals).

1 The Hazur Court (appeals and revisions).

51. The judicial work done by each of these 6 Courts will appear from Appendices VII & VIII from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 482 involving 910 persons, as against 523 of the previous year involving 969 persons. Of these 910 persons so brought up for trial 213 were convicted and sentenced, while 514 were discharged without trial and 156 were acquitted; while 15 were committed to the Sessions and 12 were awaiting trial.

52. The Appellate Court decided 12 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed in 4 cases, modified in 3, reversed in 2 and in one case further inquiry was ordered, while 2 were pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

53. There are the following seven Courts of Civil Justice:—

(1) The Hazur Court.
(2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court.
(3) The Diwani Nyayadhish Court.
(4) The Small Cause Court.
(5) The Nyayadhish Court, Adhoi.
(6) The Nyayadhish Court Northern Division.
(7) The Nyayadhish Court Southern Division.

54. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of Appeal and also exercises the powers of Revision and Reference, while the Sir Nyayadhish Court forms the first Appellate Court to which appeals lie against the decisions of the Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and of the three District Courts. The Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with powers to hear suits without limit as to value, while the three District Courts have limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

55. The year opened with a balance of 88 undecided suits to which must be added 685 suits filed during the year under report, making in all 773. Of these 655 were disposed of leaving 118 as the closing balance of undecided suits. Of these 685 new suits, 11 referred to immoveables and 664 were money suits, while 10 were miscellaneous claims.

56. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of First Instance was Rs. 41,507-15-5 as against Rs. 52,072-6-3 in the previous year. Further details are given in Appendix X.

57. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report in the two Appellate Courts was 21, which together with the last year's closing balance of 21 gave the total of 42. Of these 20 were disposed of with the result that in 7 appeals the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed and in 11 reversed, while two cases were compromised.

58. The year opened with a balance of 129 applications for the execution of decrees which, with 972 newly put in during the report year, gave the total of 1101. Out of these 838 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving the closing balance of 263 pending disposal.

Extradition.

59. The number of offenders extradited by this State to other States for their regular trial was 18 as against 22 during the previous year, while that of the accused as received by this State was 26 as against 22 during the preceding year.

Jails.

60. There is one Central Jail at Morvi and 3 more Sub-Jails at the District head-quarters, viz, Tankara Derala and Adhoi. The number of prisoners at the close of the last year was 52 which with 97 admitted in the course of the year under report gave the total of 149. Of these 105 were discharged at the expiration of their term of imprisonment thus leaving 44 prisoners in the Jails at the end of the year.

61. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 34·971 as against 55·242 of the previous year.

62. The total gross expenditure exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards was Rs. 2,403-8-11 as against Rs. 2,316 of the previous year.

Registration.

63. The number of documents presented for Registration during the report year was 273 as against 268 during the previous year. The total declared value of the property affected by the documents so registered amounted to Rs. 3,24,252-5-6 as against Rs. 1,96,115-3-0 of the previous year. The major portion of these documents, viz, 129 referred to mortgages and 74 to sales, while 56 were money bonds and 12 related to miscellaneous matters as stated in Appendix XIV. In two cases registration was refused. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 543-15-0.

Municipalities.

64. There are four Municipalities in the State, viz, at Morvi, Tankara,

Wawania and Adhoi. These are maintained at State expense. The most important of all these is at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 6,494-10-3 as against Rs. 5,714-2-3 during the previous year.

Chapter IV

Production and Distribution.

Weather and Rainfall.

65. Appendix XVII hereto gives the details of rainfall in the State during the Samwat year 1972 (1916 A. D.) from which it will appear that we had no rain in April and May, while June brought only 30 cents. July and August were more propitious giving 5·48 and 5·27 inches respectively. This dropped to 3·31 inches in September, while 1·64 inch in October closed the monsoon for the year bringing up the total to 16 inches, which compares favourably with 8·78 inches, the total of the last year.

66. The total rainfall was, though below the normal, sufficient for the purposes of cultivation and being evenly distributed promised a good harvest.

67. The area under sugarcane plantation during the report year was 320¼ bighas and there were 100 plantations in all.

68. Chassia wheat was sown over 585 bighas during the report year as against 10,272½ bighas of the previous year. Irrigated wheat was grown in 4249¼ bighas as compared to 2760½ bighas during the preceding year. Cotton was grown over 93,275 bighas against 1,55,500¼ bighas of the previous year.

69. There are several plantations in the State mostly consisting of Babul trees which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. Babul trees were planted this year over 9194 Bighas.

Horticulture.

70. The Durbar maintains a public park and many other gardens at Morvi ; besides there are several other gardens in the District, chiefly at Tankara Dahisra and Adhoi. The Morvi gardens have undergone vast improvements and with the different varieties of seeds sown therein, they have been giving a handsome supply of sweet fruits and fragrant flowers. For the past two years these gardens did not get a sufficient supply of water and hence their yield has fallen below the average. Steps are being taken to ensure a steady supply of water in all the seasons and with

the completion of these arrangements I have no doubt that these gardens will once more come up to their previous bright record.

71. Under the standing orders of Your Highness the cultivators had undertaken to plant one tree per Santi every year. But as they were not able to look after their rearing, the State has at their own request taken over this work. A special officer under the designation of Forest Superintendent has been appointed. He has under him two inspectors. Under the supervision of this special officer it is hoped that there will be a steady advance in this direction and that in a few years the whole of the State will be studded over with green trees. Already 12,000 trees were planted during the year most of which are thriving. Owing to the nearness of the Runn of Cutch the Morvi District was almost bereft of trees and hence the success of Your Highness's earnest efforts in this direction will accomplish a double purpose, forming groves that would give an elegant appearance to the District, while the trees will also tend to draw more rain by their moisture.

Manufacture and Industries.

72. The local workshop can well be regarded as the best equipped one in Kathiawar. It is provided with an upto-date plant and has kept up its traditions for turning out Railway materials and for manufacturing fine furniture. All the Railway machinery is manufactured here. Besides, the workshop serves as a model training school for young boys in the field of mechanics, giving them practical experience as fitters and artizans, and it thus enables them to earn a decent living. The workshop, moreover, provides ample work and that too paying, for a number of artizans and workmen. Till November the workshop was also engaged in turning out baseplates &c. for shells for the use of the War.

73. All the Railway work is done in this workshop including construction of Rolling Stock. The cast iron and brass foundries are also doing satisfactory work. There is one dynamo working to supply electric power to the Palace and to the Offices known as the Hill Buildings.

74. There are altogether four Ginning Factories, viz., at Morvi, Tankara, Rangpur and Jetpur. The Morvi factory has 100 gins. Besides there is one Hydraulic Press at Morvi. Both the Factory and the Press are not sufficient to cope with the ever-increasing work which comes to them. Consequently it has been Your Highness's intention to increase the number of the gins to 200 and to install one more Full-Press, but under the present conditions, the matter has had to stand over.

75. Your Highness opened in 1909 an Industrial and Experimental Department, with a view to introduce new industries into the State. Several experiments have been made in connection with the manufacture of china, stone and earthen wares, firebricks, tiles and salt glazed pipes. Machinery and plant worth Rs. 35,000 have been purchased, while a further sum of Rs. 36,000 has been spent after housing the machinery and erecting suitable furnaces etc. for the same. As the work progressed, a further instalment of machinery worth Rs. 20,000 has been added to those already working, bringing the total outlay to Rs. 91,000. The undertaking has suffered a set-back owing to the death of Mr. Gokaldas R. Mehta, who was the soul of these experimental works. I am, however, glad to report to Your Highness that the work is being continued and carried on under the guidance of the present State Engineer.

76. The chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade.

77. The Morvi Railway and the net-work of the Tramway Lines which form the connecting link between the District centres and the capital, as also the cotton press and ginning factories give great stimulus and facility to trade and commerce. Besides, the port of Navalakhi connected as it is with the capital by a Tram line affords further convenience to merchants carrying on trade with other ports. The two branches of tram lines, running north, namely, the one leading to Wawania and Navalakhi, 22 and 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station, and the other running to Jetpur (16 miles), and thence to Khakhrechi (Road,) the chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles), afford great facilities to the Malia subjects, by connecting that district with Morvi, and then through the Morvi Railway with the rest of Kathiawar and Gujarat. Naturally, therefore, these tram lines control the entire Malia traffic. The proposed extension of the Dhrangadhra Halvad line to Malia would most prejudicially affect the traffic of these lines and of the Morvi Railway.

78. It has been recently desired by Government that the Native States should obtain Government sanction before any new tramway line is constructed. In this State tramways have been working for the last over 25 years and have proved to be a source of immense convenience and comfort to the public

and to trade. The restriction now imposed by Government amounts to an interference in the internal autonomy of Native States and will come in the way of affording to the people living in places far removed from trade centres a much-needed, cheap and convenient means of communication. As stated in previous reports, all the States in Kathiawar are considering the question of submitting a representation to Government for the withdrawal of this new restriction and this State earnestly hopes that the Government of India will give a sympathetic consideration to the question.

79. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 13,68,904-2-5 as against Rs. 19,37,490-15-0. The decrease being due to less demand on account of the year being a famine year.

80. The total value of exports during the same period was Rs. 16,45,437-0-6 as compared to Rs 12,63,125-9-3 of the previous year; the increase was due to higher rates of cotton.

Public Works.

81. The total expenditure during the report year on public works amounted to Rs. 3,20,279-2-6 and Kories 8,893¾ out of which Rs. 1,51,433-11-0 and Kories 8815¼ were spent on original works, while the remaining Rs. 1,68,845-7-6 and Kories 78½ were spent on repairs. Wages kept high throughout the year and inspite of offers of decent wages labour was not adequate to the requirements of field operations as well as for the Public Works Department.

General Conditions.

82. The general health of the people continued to be good; there was no epidemic of plague or cholera during the year under report. The birth rate showed a decrease of 246 births over those during the previous year while the death rate gave 909 deaths more than those during the previous year.

83. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and to the decrepit amounted to Rs. 5,237-13-1 and private relief given to the needy amounted to Rs. 468-8-0

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

84. Thefollowing table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending with

30th September 1916 as compared with the respective figures for the previous year:—

	Samwat 1971.	Samwat 1972.	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue ...	12,74,839-1-4	2,73,742- 1-9	...	10,01,096-15-7
Expenditure..	6,24,005-4-9	8,84,590-15-9	2,60,585-11-0	...

85. This statement shows a decrease of Rs 10,01,096-15-7 in the revenue receipts for the year, while it shows an increase of Rs 2,60,585-11-0 in expenditure.

The returns from the customs duties amounted to Rs. 73,023-15-7 as against Rs. 70,870-7-5 of the previous year.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

86. During the year under report 2,266 total births were registered as against 2,512 during the preceding year ; this shows a decrease of 246 births. Similarly, 2,295 was the total number of deaths for the report year as compared to 1,386 for the previous year, showing an increase of 909 deaths. The death rate per mille of the population stood at 25·43 as against 15·3 for the last year.

Medical Relief.

87. There were in all eight institutions that administered medical aid to the public, viz, an Asylum and Hospital at the capital and 6 more Dispensaries at the different centres. Besides, one more Hospital Assistant travelled through the Districts where there may be no dispensary within easy reach of the people there. It is gratifying to note that this itinerent dispenser of medical relief has proved to be a much-needed and valuable boon to the poor. Moreover, in cases of serious illness or accidents the assistance of the Chief Medical Officer of the State have been made available to the people of the remotest districts and in such cases the services of the Darbar motor cars have been placed at the disposal of the Medical Department, free of charge, for the benefit of the general public.

88. The total number of patients treated in these eight institutions came up to 29,857 including 66 indoor patients as against 30,526 with 60

indoor patients treated during the previous year; this shows a decrease of 669 in the aggregate total. The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 231·3.

89. The total cost of these institutions was Rs. 7,487-14-6 and Kories 1623-5.

Asylum.

90. The Morvi Asylum is a purely charitable institution maintained by the State, where the poor, sick and decrepit are both nursed and fed, free of charge. This institution is under the control of the Chief Medical Officer. It consists of several blocks or wards, built a little away from the river bank on a high level & is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major & minor operations. During the year under report 66 patients were treated in this Asylum. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came up to Rs. 1,674-2-3 during the year.

Vaccination

91. The Chief Medical Officer has the direct supervision of this Department and is assisted by his Hospital Assistants who do inspection work in the district.

92. During the report year 2,292 children were vaccinated; of these the inspectors visited 1,844, while the rest were visited by the Chief Medical Officer.

93. The total cost of this Department this year amounted to Rs. 974-12-0 as against of Rs. 910-8-11 of the last year.

Chapter VII.

Education.

94. The Ba Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the report year attended by 500 students as against 507 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 387 and 377 respectively. The total expenditure was Rs. 8,297. The High School has got a fine Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnasium and a Cricket ground.

95. There were in all 78 primary schools working during the report year. These were attended by 3,945 students with the average attendance of 2,758. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 11,100 during the year under report.

96. There are two girls schools in the State. During the report year these were attended by 231 girls with a daily average attendance of 172. The cost came to Rs. 744. During the preceding year the total attendance was 236 with the daily average attendance of 178, and the cost was Rs. 795.

97. There is one Pathshala known as the Ravaji Raj Pathshala, where 15 students received education in the Sanskrit Language at the hands of a learned Shastri who is himself a worthy disciple of the late Venerable Shastri Mahamahopadhyaya Kavi Shankerlal Maheshwar. The daily attendence at the Pathshala was 14.

98. The six scholarships, two for higher and 4 for secondary education, referred to in the previous year's report, were continued during the year.

99. Uptil 1907 education used to be given free to the children of the cultivators only, but, as a stimulus to primary education, it has since been made free to the children of all classes in the District schools.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

100. The State maintains a Printing Press where the State Gazette is printed and published every month; besides, an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway and also for other State Offices is executed here. The press is also open to the public.

101. The gross earnings of the press during the report year stood at Rs. 10,363-5-2 while the working expenses amounted to Rs. 3987-7-10; the net profit therefore was Rs. 6,375-13-4 which may be considered satisfactory.

Libraries.

102. The Libraries and the Reading Rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, the seat of all State offices, where works on various branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State, are also received here. There is another library attached to the State Engineer's Office. It has a unique collection of over 2200 selected works on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12000.

The State Stud Department.

103. There are in all six stables and one sickward. The boxes in the stables are built on an improved model, are roomy, comfortable and well ventilated and are always kept clean.

104. There is one Veterinary Hospital Assistant who treats sick animals. This Hospital is maintained exclusively at State expense, but is also open to the public.

Survey.

105. Surveys were carried out in 45 villages, measuring 8701¾ bighas, at a cost of Rs. 2,365-2-2 giving an average cost of Rs. 0-4-4½ per Bigha. The Survey Department also did work in connection with boundary pillars on interstatal boundaries.

Tramway.

106. The total capital outlay of the Tramway System in all the three lines upto now has been Rs. 10,65,481-7-8 as against Rs. 10,62,444-15-9 at the end of the previous year.

107. The total gross earnings of all the three lines viz, Jetpur, Tankara and Navlakhi-Wawania, came to Rs. 1,10,043-15-1 as against Rs. 1,04,704-13-0 during the preceding year. The total revenue expenditure for the two years stood at Rs. 57,939-0-6 and 52,727-9-11 respectively. The net profit for the report year amounted to Rs. 52,104-14-½ thus yielding 4·9 percent on the total investment.

Chapter IX.

Railway.

108. Mr. Govindji D. Jadav was during the year under report in charge Manager Morvi Railway over and above his duties as the head of the Audit and Accounts and the Store Departments. Mr. Keshav Trimbak continued at the head of the Traffic Department. Mr. V. K. Rana, Assistant Loco Superintendent, had the charge of the Loco and the Carriage Department.

109. The gross earnings of the Railway during the report year amounted to Rs. 8,68,711 and the working expenses came up to Rs. 2,45,539 thus leaving Rs. 6,23,172 as the total net profit made by this Railway which gives 11·5 per cent on the total capital outlay of Rs. 53,80,469.

110. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles.

111. As stated in the last year's report packages marked " Red Cross Gifts " consigned to the St. John's Ambulance Depot, Bombay, as well as consignments intended for the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund, booked to and from any station on this Railway line, were carried free by passenger trains.

112. Your Highness is well aware that rails, steel sleepers and such other materials of our old narrow gauge Railway are still lying on hand in sufficiently large quantities. If a new feeder line is opened, as is being seriously contemplated by Your Highness, connecting Sayla with our main line, as requested by that State, these materials will be well utilised and the Sayla State will get the much-needed facilities for its stone quarries, while this Railway will be benefitted by the acquisition of further traffic from the surrounding places which have not as yet been favoured with the modern means of conveyance.

General.

113. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the Heads of Departments and Officers who have been one and all so zealous and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work has largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan Office,
Morvi, 15th September 1917.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnal during the year 1916–17.

Names of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Azam Bhanji Kanji	Dewan	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Tribhowan Fulchand	Surnyayadhish	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Vanmalidass Prabhudas L. C E.	State Engineer	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Harjiwandass Shamji	First Class Magistrate	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Gowindji D. Jadav	Superintendent of Police... ...	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Vallabhdass Nanshi L. M. & S.	Chief Medical Officer	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Valamji Kallianji	State Accountant...	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Bhagwanlal Prabhashanker	Revenue Commissioner ...	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	
„ Pragji M. Patel B. A.	Head Master & V. S. Supdt. ...	1-4-1916	31-3-1917	

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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Act	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
Limitation Act of 1896	Yes		
Court fee stamp of 1896	Yes		
Stamp Act of 1877	Yes		
Registration Act of 1884	Yes		
Arms Act of 1890	Yes		
Rules re shikar without license	Yes		
Hindu Law	Yes		
Mahomedan Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State ...	Yes		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance			
Indian Penal Code			

Criminal Act ... ...

Evidence Act ... ...

Contract Act ... ...

Civil Procedure ... ...

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Morvi State for the year 1916-17.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sappers														
Artillery														
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police, in the Morvi State for the year 1916-17.

Description of Office.	Number	Pay of grade	Total cost	Punishments			Rewards		Education		Remarks
				Dismissed	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially	By Promotion	By money	Number able to read and write	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Subedar	1	50	600	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	
City Fouzdar	1	18	216	..	...	..	1	...	1	...	
Head Constable	1	13	156	..	...	...	1	...	1	...	
Jamadar	1	25	300	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	
Hawaldars	4	15 13 / 1 3	648	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	
Full Naek	2	12 / 2	288	..	...	...	...	...	2	..	
Second Naek	6	11 10-8-0 / 5 1	786	..	...	...	...	...	4	..	
Lace Naek	13	10 9-8-0 / 12 1	1,554	...	...	...	...	...	9	..	
First class Police	25	9 / 25	2,700	...	..	...	...	...	13	..	

2nd class Police	102	8 7 / 93 9	9,684	...	...	...	...	...	45	...
Buigler	1	9	108	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Band Master	1	47	564	...	...	..	2	...	1	...
Writing Constanble	5	10 / 5	600	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Band men..	13	8-8-0 8-0-0 / 1 1 ; 7-8-0 6-8-0 / 9 1 ; 6 / 1	1,158	...	...	...	...	...	11	...
Dress &c.	..	..	740-8-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	176	..	20,102-8-0	...	...	...	9	...	98	...

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1916-17.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remark.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morvi State ...	171	160	292	208	292	208	228	141	44	62	78·08	67·7	78·08	67·7	5 undisposed of

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	1,976-2-4	4,315-5-1	600-7-10	1,654-15-4	30·3	38·4	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and case awaiting trial in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year.	Number of person apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sir Nyayadhish	...	...	...	2	9	*17	16	1	7	...	8	...	...	16	1	...	...	...	1	1	5	...	1	4	2	2	...	...	...	* Including 15 comtd. by 1st class Magistrate. † 15 comitd. to Sessions.
1st Class Magistrate ...	35	27	62	162	172	353	83	5	34	10	12	19	3	83	253	†15	...	27	14	10	2	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	2	...	2	96	77	168	42	...	2	2	3	35	...	42	118	...	...	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
North Division Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	146	126	196	49	...	3	...	3	43	...	49	145	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
South Division Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	117	98	176	23	...	1	...	10	12	...	23	153	...	...	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	37	27	64	523	482	910	213	6	47	12	36	109	3	213	670	15	...	42	22	11	9	4	5	4	2	2	...	...	12	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of Offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Names of Court.	Number of Offences reported during the year.		Number persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of					Persons remainning at end of year	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trail in 1916-17					Total.								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant	On summons	Voluntary	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate	Past year	Present year	Discharged without trial	Acquitted	Convicted	Committed or referred	Died, escaped or transferred		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sir Nyayadhish Court	3	29	2	15	...	...	...	...	3	*17	...	1	16	...	...	...	* 15 Comtd. by the 1st Class Magistrate.
1st Class Magistrate -„-	289	288	27	99	7	220	...	...	334	353	153	100	83	15	...	2	
Adhoi Nyayadhish -„-	135	132	1	23	3	132	9	...	138	168	94	24	42	...	...	8	
N. D. Nyayadhish -„-	241	194	3	51	4	138	...	...	276	196	131	14	49	...	...	2	
S. D. Nyayadhish -„-	184	155	...	35	10	131	...	...	218	176	136	17	23	...	...	...	
Total...	852	798	33	223	24	621	9	...	969	910	514	156	213	15	...	12	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decision passed by the Criminal Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Tribunals.	Number of applications	Number of persons and cases.																Remarks.
		Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry etc. ordered.		Pending.		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court.....	6	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	7	2	
Sirnyayadhish Court...	6	...	...	2	1	5	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	
Total...	12	...	...	5	4	5	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	7	2	

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during present year.								Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs 100	Number of Suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000	Number of Suits above Rs 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of Suits above Rs. 5000	Exparte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
																									Y. M. D.	
Small Cause Court.....	24	11	213	291	237	302	226	230	11	72	6743,-12-11	...	291	...	273	18	...	...	...	49	131	18	32	3,120-1-11	0-1-23	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	43	75	79	57	122	132	47	91	75	41	[illegible]	11	36	10	2	23	7	4	...	11	14	4	62	6,70,387-0-6	1-2-16	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	3	2	22	32	25	34	23	30	2	4	837-3-10	...	32	...	30	2	...	...	...	...	9	...	21	822-6-10	0-1-28	
North D. Nyayadhish..	...	...	158	220	158	220	158	220	...	...	6,7[illegible]11	...	220	...	209	11	...	...	...	25	169	...	26	6,786-8-11	0-0-15	
South D. Nyayadhish..	...	...	92	85	92	85	92	84	...	1	3,252-8 0	...	85	...	75	10	...	...	...	14	29	...	41	3,146-12 0	0-1-12	
Total...	70	88	564	685	634	773	546	655	88	118	41,507-15-5	11	664	10	589	64	7	4	...	99	352	22	182	6,84,262-14-2	0-4- 0	

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APPENDIX XI.

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Small Cause Court ...	171	28	648-5-9	234	505	32,789-11-3	405	533	33,438-1-0	377	377	25,140-5-9	28	156	8,297-11-3	15	139	2	
Dewani Nyayadhish...	113	98	83,831-11-8	103	261	88,196-1-4	216	359	172027-13-0	118	254	95,596-5-2	98	105	76,431-7-10	43	35	27	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	21	14	342-14-11	21	14	342-14-11	21	13	287-9-9	...	1	55-5-2	1	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish	...	2	386-13-0	131	162	6,213-1-9	131	164	6599-14-9	129	164	6,599-14-9	2	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish	1	1	46-2-0	27	30	788-7-1	28	31	834-9-1	27	30	788-7-1	1	1	46-2-0	...	...	1	
Total...	285	129	84,913-0-5	516	972	1,28,330-4-4	801	1101	2,13,243-4-9	672	838	1,28,412-10-6	129	263	84,830-10-3	59	174	30	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIVIL WORK-Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during		Total		Disposed of during		Closing balance		Value of appeals filed during		How disposed of.										Average duration	
													decision confirmed.		decision amended		decision reversed		Cases re-manded for re-trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Hazoor Court	26	8	6	6	32	14	24	2	8	12	5,769-1-0	483-3-3	10	1	11	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1-3-18	2-7-16
Sir Nyayadhish Court	15	13	11	15	26	28	13	18	13	16	5,614-4-0	5,594-2-11	6	6	2	10	3	0	1	0	1	2	1-5-23	0-8-16
Total ...	41	21	17	21	58	42	37	20	21	22	1,1383-5-0	6,077-6-2	16	7	13	11	4	0	2	0	2	2	1-4-15	1-8-1

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	No. of prisoners.				Daily average		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks. (Showing mortality among convicts in Jails).
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total. Past year.	Total. Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	47	73	141	120	55·229	34·964	44	2,262-8-4	Y. M. D. 0-1-23	
Adhoi Jail	1	2	7	20	9	·05	·02	...	101-6-5	0-0-7	
Derala Jail	1	3	6	15	9	·04	·02	...	7-9-8	0-0-1	
Tankara Jail... ...	1	...	11	16	11	·04	·03	...	32-0-6	0-0-3	
Total ...	4	52	97	192	149	55·242	34·971	44	2,403-8-11	0-0-16	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Number of documents presented.										Documents Registered		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money-bond.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office...	257	251	129	126	93	71	...	1	31	41	4	12	255	249	1,94,223-9-0	3,20,925-9-6	2	...	...	2	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „ ...	3	10	2	3	1	3	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	10	444-4-0	1,619-12-0	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish „	6	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11	...	...	6	11	806-6-0	1,607-0-0	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish „	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	1	641-0-0	100-0-0	...	...	...	...	
Total...	268	273	131	129	94	74	...	2	39	56	4	12	266	271	1,96,115-3-0	3,24,252-5-6	2	...	...	2	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1916–17.

Description	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised.			Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.	Bs.	a.	p.	
Martgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c. ...	268	1,96,115	3	...	463	11	...	273	3,24,252	5	6	543	15	...	
Total...	268	1,96,115	3	...	463	11	...	273	3,24,252	5	6	543	15	...	
Deduct expenditure ...	...	...	...	...	223	2	7	...	...	...	...	333	10	9	
Net profit...	...	...	...	...	240	8	5	...	...	...	...	210	4	3	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1916–17.

Name.	Opening balance. On 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present.		Past.	Present.		
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Morvi State	.....	920-8-9	167-12-3	.....	5,714-2-3	6494-10-3	.....	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

State.	April 1916.	May 1916.	June 1916	July 1916	August 1916	September 1916	October 1916	November 1916	December 1916	January 1917	February 1917	March 1917	Total.	Total of past year	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks
	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C	I. C.	I. C.	
Morvi State	... ..	... ..	0 30	5 48	5 27	3 31	1 64	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	16 0	8 78	17 96	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1916–17.

Articles.	During March 1916 (Per one Rupee.)			During March 1917 (Per one Rupee.)			Remarks.
	Mds.	Seers	Totals	Mds.	Seers	Totals	
Bajre	...	18	...	...	25	...	
Jowar	...	23	...	...	38	...	
Rice	...	13	...	...	14	...	
Wheat...	...	17½	...	...	20	...	
Mug	...	14	...	...	16	...	
Urad	...	14½	...	...	16	...	
Gram	...	19½	...	...	22	...	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railways	1,567-12- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Do „ „ for Tramway ...	520- 9- 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Do for Industry & Expr. Department ...	847- 4- 0	...	..	...	...	...	...
4. Do for General Workshop	1,324-10- 4	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Do for Telephone Department	540-15- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Paneli pipe line	2,509- 8- 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Jetpur Bungalow	3,499- 7- 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Dahisra Bungalow...	8,778-12- 7	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Extension in Zenana rooms Nazarbag ...	11,955-0- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Addition and alteration to old Zanana room	1,441-12- 5	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Tankara Retaining wall	8,000- 0- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Vajiri at Khakhrala	585- 6- 1	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Telephone Exchanger's quarters at Sanala Talavia	1,079- 0- 1	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Electric Light and fan Installation ...	1,842-12- 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Land Reclamation	4,977- 3- 1	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Diamond Drill	814- 5- 4	...	..	...	...	...	...
17. River face wall at Nilkanth Mahadev Temple	2,579-10- 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Sinking and constructing wells in the Districts	9,342- 4- 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
19. Establishment charges	12,194-6-11	...	.	...	...	...	...
Kories...	13½	...	...	...	...	...	...

20. Working motor cars and buying them ...	29,190-2- 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21. Minor Works	47842-10-11	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Kories...	8,801¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	
22. Repairs to Roads and Buildings... ...		1,68,845-7-6	...	...	...	...	...	
Kories...		78½	...	...	...	...	...	
Total Rs ...	151433-11-0	1,68,845-7-6	3,20,279-2-6				3,20,279-2-6	
Kories...	8,815¼	78½	8,893¾				8,893¾	

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Morvi, 25th April 1917.

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
				Male.	Female.										
Morvi State	1916-17	18,106	13,315	201	8,307	210	370	95	1,141	35,945	6,922	...	...	4,222	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Morvi State, during the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Morvi	1	3,700	1	1,331	1	371	...	...	3	5,402	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Result of indoor patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average	Remarks
	Outdoor	Indoor	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining			
Morvi State Dispensary ...	17,642	...	...	...	...	...	4,270- 1-7	231·3	
Asylum „ ...	...	66	50	10	3	3	1,674- 2-3	...	
Adhoi „ ...	1,244	...	...	...	...	...	Kories 1,623—5	...	
Tankara „ ...	5,079	...	...	...	...	...	279-10-9	...	
Jetpur „ ...	1,727	...	...	...	...	...	456- 6-7	...	
Wawania „ ...	1,946	...	...	...	...	...	490- 4-7	...	
Ghantila „ ...	2,153	...	...	...	...	...	317- 4-9	...	
Total...	29,791	66	50	10	3	3	Rs. 7,487-14-6 Kories 1623—5		

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State	90,230	2,512	2,256	...	246	1,386	2,295	909	...	27·8	25·11	15·3	25·43	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1916-17.

Number of schools.		Description of schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March		Daily Average attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	1	High School	507	500	377	387	8,297	...	...	
1	1	Middle School	68	58	46	41	...	367	...	
77	78	Primary Schools	3,778	3,945	2,635	2,758	...	...	11,100	
2	2	Girls Schools	256	231	178	172	...	...	744	
1	1	Sanskrit Pathshala ...	24	15	17	14	...	248	...	

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur,
G. C. I. E.,

Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of Your Highness' State for the year 1917-18.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 12th October 1918.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

Report of the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1917-18.

Chapter I

General and Political.

The State of Morvi is situated, as stated in the previous administration reports, towards the north of the Peninsula of Kathiawar, in its Machhukantha Division, while its Adhoi Mahal lies in the Wagad portion of the Cutch Peninsula. Both have been guaranteed in one Parwana by Colonel Walker on behalf of the British Government.

2. The Machhukantha land is generally level, hills being rare. The soil is fertile and is more favourable to cotton than to other crops. In the Tankara Division the quality is medium. The climate is temperate and healthy.

3. The State comprises 147 villages covering an area of 913 miles, less the area of the villages of Janghi, Amberdi, Chandrodi and Laliana Pati which have been transferred to the Cutch State under the late Exchange Settlement with that State.

4. The population, according to the census of 1911, was 90 230 souls. The gross revenue of the State for the year under report was Rs. 13,91,493-4-11.

5. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs. 49,209 as Peshkashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,093 as Zortalbi to Junagadh.

6. The Rulers of Morvi are the descendants of the Senior Branch of the entire Jadeja Rajput Clan, including the Houses of Cutch and Nawanagar.

7. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness' directions. The chief feature in the administration is that the authority and powers of all the heads of Departments have been clearly defined and each within his own sphere is independent of others. In matters of importance Your Highness is always and at all times accessible for advice and guidance. The success that has attended the administration of the State is chiefly due to the watchful care and able guidance, and above all, to the personal example of Your Highness' stern and unflinching devotion to duty, inexhaustible energy and

unremitting attention to the well-being of the State and the subjects. The tone of efficiency in the working of the various Departments has consequently been maintained at the same high level as before.

The Raj Kutumb.

8. On the 25-9-1917 was received the very sad news of the death of Her Highness the Palitana-wala Rani Saheb, mother of Maharaj Kumar Shri Lakhdhirji Saheb, heir-apparent, which threw Your Highness, the Raj Kutumb and Your Highness' subjects into deep mourning.

9. Maharaj Kumar Shri Lakhdhirji was, by the grace of God, blessed with a son on the 1st January 1918. There were great rejoicings in the Darbar and among the people in celebration of this happy event. The day was observed as a holiday and sweets were distributed.

War measures for the service of the Empire.

10. Immediately on the declaration of the war, Your Highness sent a contribution of Rs. 15,000 to His Excellency the Governor for the Presidency War Relief Fund. This was followed by a gift of 2 motor ambulance cars— one 23 seated and the other 5 seated— of the value of Rs. 25,000. Two more motor ambulance cars were presented to His Majesty the King Emperor in England for the use of the Indian Expeditionary force in France.

11. In March 1915 an offer of four tents, for field hospitals in France, was made through the Agent to the Governor which offer was duly acknowledged, but the tents were not utilised, as the need was not felt.

12. A meter gauge Engine worth Rs. 43,000 was supplied to the Government of India for use in the war.

13. The State Workshops were placed at the disposal of Government. They continued to manufacture base plates &c. for shells till November 1916.

14. Since August 1915 the State has been contributing, to the Rajkot Tailoring Fund, at the rate of Rs. 20 a month, the contribution having been promised to the end of the war.

15. In the Great War Sale held by His Excellency the Governor in Bombay, in December 1916, Your Highness took a very enthusiastic and prominent part and contributed in no small measure to its success, Your Highness making top bids and often conducting the auction sales. Your Highness' contribution in purchases at the sale amounted to no less than

Rs. 29,000. It is worthy of note that Your Highness had the proud privilege of purchasing the picture presented by Her Majesty the Queen Empress.

16. To Her Excellency Lady Chelmsford's Lucky Bag was presented one Race horse worth Rs. 2,000.

17. At the Exhibition held by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon in Bombay during the year under report, Your Highness was again a prominent figure. The total purchases amounted to over Rs. 7,000 conspicuous among them being at Lady Tata and Mrs. Robertson's stalls. It is again worthy of note that Your Highness was the proud purchaser of the variety box presented by Her Majesty the Queen Empress.

18. To the Matheran Lucky Bag Your Highness' contribution approximated to Rs. 2,000.

19. The Rajkot " Our Day " celebrations also were well patronised by Your Highness who took an active and prominent part in the various programmes organised for the occasion and contributed over Rs. 11,500 on the occasion. Besides the State purchased 1,000 tickets of the Rajkot Lucky Bag.

20. To Her Excellency Lady Willingdon's Women's Branch of the War Fund were contributed Rs. 2,000 through Messrs. Premchand Roychand & sons and the Bank of India.

21. Your Highness further purchased 50 St. Raphel tickets, which was followed by a subscription of 50 tickets in the Western India Turf Club Lottery in aid of the War Loan and a contribution of Rs. 150 to the East Indies Naval Fund.

22. In February Colonel Waddington paid a visit to Morvi for the purchase of horses and every assistance was given to him to make suitable purchases. The State Stables were thrown open to him out of which he selected two Cavalry horses, each horse worth Rs. 1000; which were presented to him. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Government of Bombay as well as by the Government of India.

23. To the Agent to the Governor a cheque for Rs. 1,000 was sent for the recruiting fund of the Kathiawar Company under formation.

24. Further, four tents have been offered for the use of the above mentioned Company and will be forwarded when required.

25. At the request of the Agent to the Governor and the Military Department Your Highness has offered the use of outhouses in Your Highness' Bungalow at Rajkot.

26. And only recently Your Highness sent a cheque for Rs. 2,000 to Her Excellency Lady Willingdon as Your Highness' contribution to the Pageant held at Poona on the 18th September under the patronage of Her Excellency Lady Willingdon; Rs. 250 in aid of the Anandale club through Lady Hill, and Rs. 200 to the Seamen's Institute.

27. And lastly may be mentioned the remittance of Rs. 3101 to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund in honour of Their Imperial Majesties' Silver Wedding which it has been Their Majesties' desire to devote solely to the education of the children of the Indian soldiers at the war. In this, Your Highness' contribution was Rs. 2,000 and the rest, viz, Rs. 1101 were collections from ladies of Morvi.

The War Loan of 1917

28. Your Highness' contribution to the War Loan issued in March 1917 ranks the highest in Kathiawar and may be classed amongst the highest in India. To the War Loan Your Highness' contribution amounted to over 23 Lacs during 1917-18. First to the English War Loan Your Highness contributed £ 14,000 or Rs. 2,10,000. To the Indian War Loan Your Highness subscribed 16½ Lacs in Your Highness' name. Their Highnesses the Rani Sahebs purchased War Loan of Rs. 1,50,000 and the subjects of the State residing here subscribed in all Rs. 3,25,000. To this may be added postal cash Certificates amounting to about Rs. 7,000, the total subscriptions to the War Loan aggregating to over Rs. 23,40,000.

The Second War loan of 1918.

29. It is my very pleasing duty to note that Your Highness' contribution to the Second War Loan has even surpassed the record figure of last year. Your Highness, with your unfaltering determination to aid the Empire to the utmost, has made a notable addition to the Bombay Branch of the Second Indian War Loan by a worthy subscription of 27 Lakhs of Rupees, thus bringing up the total contribution to over 50 Lakhs of Rupees. I may be allowed to say with pardonable pride that Your Highness' contribution to the Loan stands unrivalled, I beleive, among the States under the Bombay Presidency.

30. In the matter of recruiting the results have not been as encouraging as we would desire, owing to reasons beyond control. Labour, besides being inadequate for local requirements, was extremely dear during the year. A labourer easily earned from one Rupee to Rs. 1-8-0 a day. Field labour was still more dear. Cotton cleaning which continued almost throughout the year was also a rich source of income. The result has been that our best efforts in this direction, we regret, have so far not proved successful.

31. A noteworthy feature of the year was the appointment of a committee to stimulate commerce and industry. With a view to the development and encouragement of commerce and industry. Your Highness has appointed a Committee of 16 gentlemen, 6 officials and 10 non-officials representing different branches of commerce and industry, to investigate and report upon the ways and means by which art and commerce can be fostered, to examine into the various difficulties that appear to beset the path of progress, and to suggest the way to overcome them. The Committee is further directed to receive proposals from the subjects of the State who desire to start or develop an industry or a business, but who are unable to do so for want of sufficient capital, to enquire into such proposals and, if satisfied as to their soundness, to place them before Your Highness. A loan, to the extent of one Lac of Rupees on easy terms and conditions, with certain concessions, is also promised. It will be the duty of the Committee to offer suggestions and make recommendations as a result of their investigations and deliberations.

32. Reference has been made in the last report about Your Highness' daily tours in the District which bring Your Highness in direct personal touch with all classes of subjects here as well as in the moffusil, and about the card system, by which, during Your Highness' motor tours, petitioners are supplied with a printed card in virtue of which their grievances are inquired into and reported to Your Highness. For the further benefit of the subjects, and to make disinterested advice, in cases of doubt or dispute, available to them, and thereby to save them from unnecessary expense and ensure speedy disposal, the appointment of a graduate and lawyer has been made under the designation of Ryot Agent, to advise, and, if need be, to represent the case of any ryot desiring to seek his help, before any department of the State, and before Your Highness in the last resort. This will, it is hoped, render disinterested advice available to the Ryots who desire it, save them from fruitless litigation and secure them speedy justice and quick disposal.

33. A further salutary measure introduced by Your Highness during the year was in the direction of discouraging speculation. It came under Your Highness' notice that during the present abnormal rise in the cotton market and owing to fluctuations in the market price of sovereigns, speculation was rife. Men of small or no means entered into large transactions in the hope of gain, and, in case of loss, intending to escape liability by taking shelter under the Law of Wager. The result seemed to be that youths of respectable families, being drawn into their snares, brought ruin on themselves in some cases. Strict warnings had been given from time to time, but as the evil still remained and as it seemed imperatively necessary to check and remove it, Your Highness was pleased to order, by a Circular published in the State Gazette, that suits based on such contracts would be heard by Civil Co urts. Its wholesome effects are being already felt and the Circular is acting as a deterrent against speculation. Contracting parties in Khakhrechi cotton and in sale and purchase of "guineas" remember with profound gratefulness. Your Highness' intercession on their behalf, who, at great personal trouble and as a result of free personal consultations and discussions with opposing parties and with respectable Shethias, brought about a settlement so satisfactory to both the parties.

34. One more beneficent measure during the year was to raise the salaries of low-paid servants of the State and to give them grain compensation allowance (which owing to the rains holding off has now been increased by 50 percent) on a sliding scale, rising to 33 per cent. Owing to abnormal rise in the prices of food stuffs this became imperatively necessary and has been a great help to the poor.

35. During the year under report the Government of India were pleased to generously extend to Kathiawar ports the rights of British ports, after the question had been the subject of negotiations for 22 years. Another happy consequence of this arrangement was the abolition of the Viramgam Customs Line which was announced in His Excellency the Viceroy's memorable speech of the 5th September 1917. These arrangements came into force on and from the first of January 1918.

36. Among the distinguished European guests who visited the State during the year were E. Maconochie Esq. C. S. I., I. C. S, Agent to the Governor, and Colonel C. W. Waddington, Colonel R. S. Pottinger, then Political Agent for Cutch and for Morvi in Adhoi, Colonel H. W. Berthon, Political Agent Halar Prant, Mr. Proctor Sims A. M. I. C. E., Manager and Engineer

in Chief Junagadh Railway, Mrs. and Miss. Sims.

Changes in the Personnel of the State and Railway Administration.

37. Mr. S. R. Iyer, late Traffic Superintendent Gondal Porbander State Railway and then of the Bhavnagar State Railway, was appointed Manager Morvi Railway. Mr. H. H. Mulroney, Civil Engineer (London), was appointed State Engineer.

38. As in previous years, Your Highness motor tours in the district, which covered 7000 miles, were continued in order to enable Your Highness to look to things at first hand and to be in direct and personal touch with the people. The construction and completion of pucca roads in the district, of which they are now over 500 miles, the provision of instant medical relief, from head quarters, in the district, in cases of accidents and serious illness, in addition to the 6 district dispenaries and one travelling dispensary, and the free use of State motor cars for the purpose, free primary and secondary education and grant of scholerships here and at collages and in England continued to be the features of the administration during the year.

39. These preliminary remarks bring me to the details of the Administration.

Chapter II.

Revenue Administration.

40. The revenue year commences from the 1st October and ends with the 30th September. The total average rainfall for all the districts was 41-62 inches, as compared with 16 inches of the past year, being 25-62 inches in excess. The result of this heavy rainfall was that while it was favourable to cotton and gram, it was very injurious to Juwar, Bajri and pulse. In fact, on account of heavy October rains, Juwar was totally lost, and with it, the chief means of fodder; and what little Bajri could be harvested had deteriorated in quality and was hardly eatable. Juwar and Bajri being the staple food of the ordinary people, and Juwari stalks, the chief means of fodder, the late October rains told heavily on the poor and the cattle.

41. The Committee of six Patels, referred to in previous reports, continued to represent the cultivators before the Darbar in the discussion of re-

venue matters affecting their interests. It forms a happy link between the Darbar and the cultivators and continues to carry on its duties satisfactorily.

42. The Ekajuti system, introduced for the last few years on the co-operative basis, works on smoothly and satisfactorily. It has helped to foster mutual good understanding, vigilance and co-operation among the cultivators, as a result of which, it is my pleasing duty to report, that they have all kept up their high level of hard work. It is gratifying to note that there has not been any defaulter or any instance in which a village had to bear the burden of any individual member.

43. In the Agricultural Bank, which is maintained under State supervision, the cultivators regularly deposit, by way of investment, an anna in the Rupee, of the total Vighoti they pay to the State. The fund thus accummulating serves as a never-failing support to the cultivators in times of scarcity or famine and is an insurance against all unforeseen contingencies. The striking success of the Bank was evidenced during the crisis of the previous year–1915-16, when, owing to shortage of rain, the cultivators were able to draw upon their deposits in the Bank to the extent of about three lakhs of Rupees. The funds of the Bank now stand at Rs. 4,00,000.

44. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report wthout once more urging upon Your Highness' attention the very great necessity of a direct connectiou with the outlying portion of our territory, viz, the Adhoi Mahal, by means of modern facilities for transport and communication, such as a tramway and telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardship and inconvenience to the public for want of such direct and speedy means of communication are self-evident. To our Adhoi subjects they are intolerable. They feel that they are entirely cut off from the outside world and are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally great. Under normal conditions letters take as many as 4 days to reach Adhoi, by post, although it is barely 50 miles from the head quarters at Morvi. Recently the post has taken as many as 10 days to reach Adhoi and at times letters have entirely been lost in transit. The difficulties to the people and the State can be imagined. A tram connection would bring Adhoi within very easy reach and would be a certain as well as speedy means of communication. It is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may earnestly take up the matter and endeavour to secure to the Adhoi

Mahal the benefits of modern means of communication so that Your Highness' subjects in that Mahal may be relieved of the hardships they are labouring under and may be placed on the same footing as Your Highness' other subjects as regards facilities for commerce, education and general advancement.

45. In this connection, again, I cannot help bringing to Your Highness' notice the unfortunate difficulties and serious loss from which our Adhoi Mahal has been suffering owing to the heavy duties levied by the Cutch Darbar on goods in transit through the land route Shikarpur. It is a historical fact that the Mahal has been guaranteed by Colonel Walker, on behalf of the British Government, in the same Parwana along with Your Highness' possions in Kathiawar. More than once Government have declared that the Mahal should be treated in every respect as if it were situated in Kathiawar and have pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of its rights and possessions. The whole question of duties leviable by Cutch was referred by Government to a Commission with instructions that the year 1819—the year of the Treaty with Cutch—should be considered as the statute of limitation and that any new duties affecting Your Highness' possessions, which might have been levied subsequent to the treaty, should be abolished and, if increased, should be reduced. On that principle Government were pleased to fix the rates, once for all, on goods passing through the land route Shikarpur. At the same time Government were pleased to declare that that decision was final and that under no pretext whatever would it be allowed to be reopened. These decisions of Government have not been modified by any subsequent decision of Government. On the contrary, they have been affirmed and reaffirmed in subsequent years. Yet, after the Commission of Mr. Kennedy, (on which the previous decisions of Government were binding as acknowledged by itself and as intimated by Government expressly), the Cutch Darbar commenced to levy a duty of 11½ % on goods in transit between Adhoi and Morvi via the land route Shikarpur. And although our State memorialised Government in the matter, Government were not pleased to interfere on our behalf. The Cutch State then commenced a levy of so much as 50 percent duty on the export of Adhoi hides via Shikarpur and Janghi. We approached Government, but at this time also without success. Your Highness, it can be easily imagined how seriously detrimental to the interests of the Adhoi Mahal, which stands on the same footing as our possessions in Kathiawar, these heavy imposts are,

Besides being inconsistent with our independence and position in the Adhoi Mahal they deprive Adhoi of $\frac{1}{8}$ and even $\frac{1}{2}$ of its produce. A levy of even 5 % duty at Viramgam was acknowledged by Government as highly detrimental to trade and Government have been generously pleased to abolish it. We must bow to the decision of Government, but I may be allowed to respectfully urge in all earnestness, that if our ancient and precious heritage of the Adhoi Mahal is to share in the general prosperity of our Kathiawar possessions and to be saved from the drain caused by these heavy duties on goods in transit, the matter requires Your Highness' serious consideration.

Chapter III.

Protection.

46. The total force of this State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report, stood at 842. The head of the Department is the Superintendent of Police who is assisted by one Assistant Superintendent and has, besides, under him, one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

47. The force consists of 165 regular police, 39 mounted police and 638 irregular police which includes the Village police, Arabs, Makranies &c.

48. The total cost of this Department in the year under report was Rs. 62,261-6-0 as against 85,625-4-5 during the previous year.

49. The ratio of the total force comes to one man for every 114 men of the entire population.

50. Of the total force again 264 were posted in the town and suburbs of Morvi, while 578 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal.

51. During the year under report 19 were reduced while 10 were newly enlisted. There were 40 vacancies to be filled up, but owing to labour being inadequate and wages ruling abnormally high, recruits were not available, inspite of the best efforts of the Department, and notwithstanding increase in pay and allowance.

52. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 135 as against 160 of the previous year, while the number of persons arrested stood at 205 as against 208 of the year preceding. Of these 205 accused per-

sons, 181 were convicted and sentenced, while 19 were either acquitted or discharged.

53. The value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 2,636-5-0 as against 4,315-5-1 of the previous year, while the property recovered was of the value of Rs. 1,390-12-0 as against Rs. 1,654-15-4 worth recovered during the preceding year. The percentage of recovery was 52·7 against 38·4 in the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

54. The Courts established for the administration of Criminal Justice are:—

4 Magistrate Courts (original), of these one at Morvi has the powers of a First Class Magistrate and the remaining three have those of a Second Class Magistrate.

1 The Sir Nyayadhish Court (sessions cases & appeals).

1 The Hazur Court (appeals and revisions).

55. The judicial work done by each of these 6 Courts will appear from Appendices VII & VIII from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 531 involving 1051 persons, as against 482 of the previous yearinvolving 910 persons. Of these 1051 persons so brought up for trial, 213 were convicted and sentenced, while 617 were discharged without trial, and 175 were acquitted; 2 died, while 12 were committed to the Sessions and 11 were awaiting trial.

56. The Appellate Court decided 14 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed in 3 cases, modified in 4, reversed in 5; one case was referred, while one was pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

There are the following seven Courts of Civil Justice:—

(1) The Hazur Court.

(2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court.

(3) The Diwani Nyayadhish Court.

(4) The Small Cause Court.

(5) The Nyayadhish Court, Adhoi.

(6) The Nyayadhish Court Northern Division.

(7) The Nyayadhish Court Southern Division.

57. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and also exercises the powers of Revision and Reference, while the Sir Nyayadhish Court forms the first Appellate Court to which appeals lie against the decisions of the Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and of the three District Courts. The Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with powers to hear suits without limit as to value, while the three District Courts have limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

58. The year opened with a balance of 118 undecided suits to which must be added 768 suits filed during the year under report, making in all 886. Of these 808 were disposed of leaving 78 as the closing balance of undecided suits. Of these 768 new suits, 20 referred to immoveables and 740 were money suits, while 8 were miscellaneous claims.

59. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of First Instance was Rs. 72,161-9-11 as against Rs. 41,507-15-5 in the previous year. Further details are given in Appendix X.

60. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report in the two Appellate Courts was 20, which together with the last year's closing balance of 22 gave the total of 42. Of these 27 were disposed of with the result that in 8 appeals the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed and in 7 reversed, in 6 amended, while 5 cases were compromised.

61. The year opened with a balance of 263 applications for the execution of decrees which, with 868 newly put in during the report year, gave the total of 1131. Out of these 928 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving the closing balance of 203 pending disposal.

Extradition.

62. The number of offenders extradited by this State to other States for their regular trial was 14 as against 18 during the previous year, while that of the accused received by this State was 23 as against 26 during the preceding year.

Jails.

63. There is one Central Jail at Morvi and 3 more Sub-Jails at the District head-quarters, viz, Tankara, Derala and Adhoi. The number of prisoners at the close of the last year was 44 which with 108 admitted in the course of the year under report gave the total of 152. Of these 105 were

discharged at the expiration of their term of imprisonment thus leaving 47 prisoners in the Jails at the end of the year.

64. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 43·062 as against 34·971 of the previous year.

65. The total gross expenditure, exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards, was Rs. 2914- 5-6 as against Rs. 2,403-8-11 of the previous year.

Registration.

66. The number of documents presented for Registration during the report year was 313 as against 273 during the previous year. The total declared value of the property affected by the documents so registered amounted to Rs.1,86,504-4-7 as against Rs. 3,24,252-5-6 of the previous year. The major portion of these documents, viz, 122 referred to mortgages and 154 to sales, while 19 were money bonds, 8 wills, and 10 related to miscellaneous matters as stated in Appendix XIV. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 458-2-0.

Municipalities.

67. There are four Muuicipalities in the State, viz, at Morvi, Tankara, Wawania and Adhoi. These are maintained at State expense. The most important of all these is at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 6,307-6-9 as against Rs. 6,494-10-3 during the previous year.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution

Weather and rainfall.

68. Appendix XVII hereto gives the details of rainfall in the State during the Samwat year 1973 (1917 A. D.) from which it will appear that it was far in excess of normal requirements. The monsoon set in early and closed late. We had 1-92 inches of rain in May while June accounted for 1-73 inches. July registered an abnormal downpour of 17-97 inches and August was no less bountiful. It took credit for 10-77 inches. September gave 2-33 inches but October brought a super- abundance of 6-90 inches, bringing up the total to 41-62 inches which was double of normal requirements.

69. The late and heavy October rains did much damage, in particular to Juwar and Bajri, the staple food of the poor, and to Juwari stalks, the chief means of fodder. Juwari was totally lost and with it Juwari stalks, the

main support of cattle, and what little Bajri could be harvested had greatly deteriorated in quality and was not suitable as wholesome food. The October rains thus told heavily on the poor as well as on cattle. To cotton they did no harm. On the contrary the cotton harvest was a good one.

70. The area under sugar cane plantation during the year under report was 219 bighas and there were 85 plantations in all.

71. Chasia wheat was sown over 669¾ Bighas during the report year as against 885 Bighas of the previous year. Irrigated wheat was grown over 5,284 Bighas as compared to 4,249 Bighas during the preceding year. Cotton was grown over 1,91,443¾ Bighas against 93,275 Bighas of the previous year.

72. There are several plantations in the State mostly of Babul trees which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. Babul trees were planted during the year over 6871 Bighas.

Horticulture.

73. The Darbar maintains a number of gardens at Morvi. There are also several gardens in the District, chiefly at Tankara, Dahisra and Adhoi.

74. The work of tree planting and rearing was continued in the year under report under Your Highness' standing orders. The numher of trees planted during the year was 9,000 of which 8,000 are thriving.

Manufacture and Industries.

75. The local Workshop can well be regarded as the best equipped in Kathiawar. It is provided with an upto date plant and has been turning out Railway materials ; also artistic furniture. It serves as a model training school for young boys in the field of mechanics, training them as practical fitters and artisans and it enables them to earn a decent living. The workshops were placed at the disposal of Government for war use and in conjunction with the B. B. & C. I, Railway workshops at Ajmer were, till the end of 1916, engaged in turning out base plates &c for shells for use in the war.

76. All Railway work is done in these workshops including construction of rolling stock. The cast-iron and brass foundries are also doing satisfactory work. There is one dynamo working to supply electric power to the palace and to the offices known as Hill Buildings. There are electric installations at several other State buildings here as well as in the District.

77. The Chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade

78. The Morvi Railway and the network of the Tramway lines which connect the district centres with the Capital, as also the cotton press and ginning factories give great stimulus and facility to trade and commerce. Besides, the port of Navlakhi which is provided with steam launches, and which is connected with the capital by a tram line, affords further convenience to merchants carrying on trade with other ports. The two branches of tram lines running north, namely, the one running to Wawania and Navlakhi, 22 and 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station, and the other running to Jetpur (16 miles), and thence to Khakhrechi (Road), the chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles), afford great facilities to traffic and in particular to Malia subjects by connecting that district with Morvi and then, through the Morvi Railway, with the rest of Kathiawar and Gujarat. Naturally therefore these tram lines control the entire Malia traffic. The proposed extension of the Dhrangadhra–Halvad line to Malia would seriously affect the traffic of these lines and of the Morvi Railway.

79. The Navlakhi and Jetpur lines have again the convenience of out-agencies so that goods can be booked through to any part of Indian Railways. These facilities are greatly appreciated by trade.

80. During the year under report the Government of India have been generously pleased to extend to Kathiawar ports the rights of British ports and to abolish the Viramgam customs line altogether. Cutch ports have been declared foreign ports.

81. In this connection there is one point which seems to call for elucidation. By the introduction of tariff on the analogy of the British tariff at Kathiawar ports, it will be necessary to see that foreign goods are not smuggled into Kathiawar. This has been arranged at the ports where there is always a permanent establishment. But it is not clear what measures have been adopted or proposed to be adopted by Government as well as other frontier States against the entry of foreign goods *by land* into Kathiawar, Gujrat and British India. There are several land routes from Cutch to Kathiawar and Gujrat and the provision of duties on Cutch goods

at ports would be nullified by the easy entry of such goods by these several land routes if proper safeguards are not provided.

82. It has been desired by Government that Native States should obtain the sanction of Government before any new Tramway line is constructed. In this State tramways have been working for the last 28 years and have proved to be a source of immence convenience and comfort to the public and to trade. The restriction now imposed by Government amounts to an interference in the internal autonomy of Native States which has been guaranteed and pledged from time to time and will stand in the way of affording, to the people living in places far removed from trade centres, a much needed, cheap and convenient means of communication. At the invitation of the Government of India whereby Government desire to be informed in what cases there has been a failure to fulfil pledges given by them, the matter is once more before them and it is earnestly hoped that the Government of India will give the question a sympathetic consideration.

83. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 12,41,202-8-4 as against 13,68,904-2-5.

84. The total value of exports during the same period was Rs. 33,69,667-9-6 as compared to 12,70,375 of the previous year ; the increase being due to better produce and higher rates of cotton.

Public Works.

85 The total expenditure in the year under report on public works amounted to Rs. 1,56,653-6-7 and koris 214½ of which Rs. 78,888-1-10 and koris 214½ were spent on original works, while the remaining Rs. 77,765-4-9 were spent on repairs. Wages kept abnormally high and inspite of offer of 12 annas, a rupee and even Re. 1-8-0 with food, labour was not adequate to the requirements of field operations and was equally so for the Public works department inspite of offer of high wages.

General Conditions.

86. The general health of the people continued to be good; there was fortunately no epidemic of plague or cholera, although plague was playing havoc over the greater part of Kathiawar and Gujrat. The birth rate showed a decrease of 237 births over those during the previous year, while the death rate showed a decrease of 534 deaths over those of the year preceding.

87. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and to the decrepit amounted to Rs. 3456-9-2 and private relief given to the needy amounted to Rs. 600-0-0

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

88. The following table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending with 30th September 1917 as compared with the respective figures for the previous year.—

	Samwat 1972.	Samwat 1973.	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue ...	2,73,742-1-9	13,91,493-4-11	11,17,751-3-2	...
Expenditure..	8,84,590-15-9	5,68,737-8-4	...	3,15,853-7-5

89. This statement shows an increase of Rs. 11,17,751-3-2 in the revenue receipts for the year, while it shows a decrease of Rs. 3,15,853-7-5 in expenditure, the difference being due to the preceding year having been a famine year.

90. The returns from the customs duties amounted to Rs. 92,223-8-1 as against Rs. 73,023-15-7 of the previous year.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

91. During the year under report 2,029 total births were registered as against 2,266 during the preceding year ; this shows a decrease of 237 births. Similarly 1,761 was the total number of deaths for the report year as compared to 2,295 for the previous year, showing a decrease of 534 deaths The death rate per mille of the population stood at 19·51 as against 25·43 for the year preceding .

Medical Relief

92. There were in all eight institutions that administered medical aid to the public, viz, an Asylum and Hospital at the capital and 6 more Dispensaries at the different centres. Besides, one more Hospital Assistant travelled through the Districts where there may be no dispensary within easy reach

of the pepole there. It is gratifying to note that this arrangement has proved to be a much-needed and valuable help to the poor.

93. The total number of patients treated in these eight institutions came up to 26,473 including 56 indoor patients as against 29,857 with 66 indoor patients treated during the previous year ; this shows a decrease of 3,384 in the aggregate total. The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 160·5.

94. The total cost of these institutions was Rs. 8,299-5-0 and Kories 1,652-4.

95. Although there are about nine dispensaries opened for administering medical relief to the subjects, free of charge, a special philanthropic measure has been devised for the benefit of the people in the villages, which enjoins upon the village police the duty of reporting to the Chief Medical Officer at the capital, by telephone, the happening of any serious accident or the existence of any serious illness or dangerous cases &c., and the Chief Medical Officer is directed forthwith to arrange for the necessary relief to the party concerned by proceeding to the scene of such accident or illness.

96. The laying out of the net-work of district roads and telephone lines all through the length and breadth of the State, has made such report and the consequential relief almost instantaneous, thanks to the further facility the State motor cars afford in such cases. These have been placed at the disposal of the medical staff, free of charge, to enable them to proceed to the spot at once.

97. During the year under report, 87 cases were treated in this manner by the Chief Medical Officer and his immediate subordinates.

Asylum

98. The Morvi Asylum is a purely charitable institution maintained by the State, where the poor, the sick and the decrepit are both nursed and fed, free of charge. This institution is under the control of the Chief Medical Officer. It consists of several blocks or wards, built a little away from the river bank on a high level and is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major and minor operations. During the year under report 56 patients were treated in this Asylum. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came up to Rs. 1,609-2-1 during the year.

Vaccination

99. The Chief Medical Officer has the direct supervision of this Department and is assisted by his Hospital Assistants who do inspection work in the district.

100. During the report year 1,752 children were vaccinated; of these the inspectors visited 1,465 while the rest were visited by the Chief Medical Officer.

101. The total cost of this Department this year amounted to Rs. 876-2-6 as against of Rs. 974-12-0 of the last year.

Chapter VII.

Education.

102. The Ba Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the report year attended by 488 students as against 500 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 376 and 387 respectively. The total expenditure was Rs. 8,982. The High school has got a good Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnasium and a Cricket ground.

103. At the last Matriculation Examination 7 students were presented, of whom 5 were successful which gives a percentage of 71 per hundred.

104. There were in all 79 primary schools during the report year. These were attended by 3,805 students with the average attendance of 2,560. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 10,893 during the year under report.

105. There are two girls' schools in the State. During the report year these were attended by 262 girls with a daily average attendance of 183. The cost came to Rs. 811. During the preceding year the total attendance was 231 with the daily average attendance of 172, and the cost was Rs. 744.

106. There is one Pathshala known as the Ravaji Raj Pathshala, where 16 students received education in the Sanskrit Language at the hands of a learned Shastri who is himself a worthy disciple of the late Venerable Shastri Mahamahopadhyaya Kavi Shankerlal Maheshwar. The daily attendance at the Pathshala was 11.

107. The six scholarships, two for higher and six for secondary education, referred to in the previous year's report, were continned during the year.

108. Uptil 1907 education used to be given free to the children of the cultivators only, but, as a stimulus to primary education, it has since been made free to the children of all classes in the District schools.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

109. The State maintains a Printing Press where the State Gazette is printed and published every month; besides, an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway and also for other State Offices is executed here. The press is also open to the public.

110. The gross earnings of the press during the report year were Rs. 9,421-13-10, while the working expenses amounted to Rs. 3,710-11-2; the net profit therefore was Rs. 5,711-2-8 which may be considered satisfactory.

Libraries.

111. The Libraries and the Reading Rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, the seat of all State offices, where works on various branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State, are also received here. There is another library attached to the State Engineer's Office. It has a unique collection of over 2200 selected works on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12,000.

The State Stud Department

112. There are in all six stables and one sickward. The boxes in the stables are built on an improvad model, are roomy, comfortable and well ventilated and are always kept clean.

Survey

113. Surveys were carried out in 49 villages, measuring 21636¾ bighas, at a cost of Rs. 2,285-5-1 giving an average cost of Rs. 0-1-7 per Bigha. The Survey Department also did work in connection with boundary pillars on interstatal boundaries.

Tramway

114. The total capital outlay on the Tramway System in all the three lines upto now has been Rs. 10,72,375-3-7 as against Rs. 10,65,481-7-8 at the end of the previous year.

115. For the through booking of goods out-agencies have been opened at Navlakhi port, Wawania, Jetpur and Tankara and through booking of passengers also to Bombay is made at the port of Navlakhi.

Chapter IX

Railway

116. Mr. S. R. Iyer was appointed Manager Morvi Railway from 3rd Septemer 1917 upto which date Mr. Govindji D. Jadav continued to hold charge of the office. Mr. Iyer took over charge of the Traffic Department also from January 1918. Mr. Vanmalidas L. C. E. continued as Resident Engineer. Mr. Govindji D. Jadav was Auditor and Store Keeper during the year under report and Mr. V. K. Rana, Assistant Loco Superintendent, had the charge of the Loco and the Carriage Department.

117. The gross earnings of the Railway during the report year amounted to Rs. 9,76,455 and the working expenses came up to Rs. 2,62,318 thus leaving Rs. 7,14,137 as the total net profit made by this Railway which gives 13·28 per cent on the total capital outlay.

118. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles.

119. As stated in the last year's report packages marked " Red Cross Gifts " consigned to the St. John's Ambulance Depot, Bombay, as well as consignments intended for the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund, booked to and from any station on this Railway line were carried free by passenger trains.

General

120. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the heads of Departments and Officers who have been one and all so zealous and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan Office,
Morvi 12th October 1918.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnal during the year 1917–18

Names of Officer.	Appointment	Period.		Remarks.
		From	To	
Azam Bhanji Kanji	Dewan	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Tribhowan Fulchand	Surnyayadhish	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ H. H. Mulroney	State Engineer	24-11-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Premshanker K. Pandya B. A., L. L. B.	First Class Magistrate	24-1-1918	31-3-1918	
„ Gowindji D. Jadav	Superintendent of Police ...	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Vallabhdass Nenshi L. M. & S.	Chief Medical Officer	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Valamji Kallyanji	State Accountant...	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Bhagwanlal Prabhashanker	Revenue Commissioner	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	
„ Pragji M. Patel B. A.	Head Master & V. S. Supdt. ...	1-4-1917	31-3-1918	

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APPENDIX II

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description	Whether adapted from British Indian Act	Introduced during the year under report	Remarks
Limitation Act of 1896	Yes		
Court fee Stamp of 1896	Yes		
Stamp Act of 1877	Yes		
Registration Act of 1884	Yes		
Arms Act of 1890	Yes		
Rules re Shikar without license	Yes		
Hindu Law	Yes		
Mahomedan Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State ...	Yes		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance			
Indian Penal Code...			
Criminal Act			
Evidence Act			
Contract Act			
Civil Procedure			

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APPENDIX III

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Mititary Force in the Morvi State for the year 1917-18.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops... ..														
TOTAL.....														

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APPENDIX IV

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police, in the Morvi State for the year 1917-18.

Description of Office.	Number.	Pay of grade.	Total cost.	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed-	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By Promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Subedar	1	50	600	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
City Fouzdar	1	18	216	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
Head Constable	1	12	144	...	...	...	2-0-0	..	1	...	
Jamadar	1	25	300	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
Full Naek	2	$\frac{12}{2}$	288	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	
Hawaldars	3	$\frac{13}{3}$	468	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	
Second Naek	6	$\frac{11 \quad 10\frac{1}{2}}{5 \quad 1}$	786	...	...	...	...	..	4	..	
Lace Naek	13	$\frac{10 \quad 9\text{-}8}{12 \quad 1}$	1,554	...	...	...	...	..	9	...	
First class Police	27	$\frac{9}{27}$	2,916	...	...	...	...	..	15	...	
Second class Police	90	$\frac{8 \quad 7}{86 \quad 4}$	8,592	...	...	...	...	..	41	...	

Buglar	1	9	108	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
Band Master	1	47	564	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
Bendmen	13	$\frac{8\frac{1}{2}\ 8\ 7\frac{1}{2}\ 6\frac{1}{2}\ 6}{1\ 1\ 9\ 1\ 1}$	1,158	...	...	...	...	..	11	...	
Writing Coustables	5	$\frac{10}{5}$	600	...	...	...	...	..	5	...	
Dress &c.			323-8	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Total...	165	...	18617-8-0	...	...	...	2-0-0	...	95	...	

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1917-18

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns. 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remark.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morvi State...	160	135	208	205	208	205	141	181	62	19	78·08	88·29	67·7	88·29	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	4315-5-1	2636-5-0	1654-15-4	1390-12-0	38·4	52·7	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and case awaiting trial in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year.	Number of person apprehended	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
								Impresonment.		Impresonment and fine.																		
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total					Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	...	...	...	9	6	12	10	...	8	...	2	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	...	2	...	...	...	2	
1st Class Magistrat * „	4	9	13	172	171	363	113	17	49	3	1	43	...	113	240	...	...	44	14	1	...	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Adhoi Nyayadhish † „	6	6	12	77	92	152	43	...	7	1	3	32	...	43	97	...	2	3	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
N. Division Nyayadhis „	...	...	...	126	150	250	82	...	3	...	5	74	...	82	167	...	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
S. Division Nyayadhis „	...	...	...	98	118	274	29	...	1	...	2	26	...	29	245	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	10	15	25	482	531	1051	277	17	68	4	13	175	...	277	749	...	2	55	18	1	8	8	10	...	2	...	...	...	11	

* 5. Committed Session Court.
† 7. Committed Session Court.

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the verious courts in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18

Names of Courts.	Nnmber of offences reported during the year.		Number persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Presons remaining at end of year.	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1917-18					Total.								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	29	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	...	...	10	...	...	2	
1st Class Magistrate Court	288	280	2	99	3	259	...	...	353	363	183	100	70	5	...	5	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „	132	129	8	36	6	91	11	...	168	152	36	61	43	7	2	3	
N. D. Nyayadhish „	194	238	2	50	...	198	...	...	196	250	160	7	82	...	...	1	
S. D. Nyayadhish „	155	182	...	20	31	223	...	...	176	274	238	7	29	...	...	...	
Total ...	798	841	12	205	40	771	11	...	910	1051	617	175	234	12	2	11	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decisions passed by the criminal courts in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18

Tribunals	Number of applications.	Numder of persons ann cases.																Remarks.
		Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry etc. ordered.		Pending.		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court	6	...	..	3	2	...	...	4	2	...	...	6	1	...	...	1	1	
Sirnyayadhish Court	8	...	...	1	1	7	4	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	14	...	...	4	3	7	4	9	5	...	...	6	1	...	...	1	1	

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Tribunals	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during present year.									Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs 100.	Number of Suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Numer of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 5,000	Exparte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
Small Cause Court.....	11	72	291	333	302	405	230	371	72	34	9928-15-11	...	333	...	320	13	...	...	...	107	192	33	39	11952-3-5	Y. M. D. 0-3-9	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	75	41	57	74	132	115	91	76	41	39	48351-0-9	20	46	8	16	36	11	10	1	7	12	1	56	22526-2-11	0-11-I	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	2	4	32	38	34	42	30	39	4	3	1671-15-9	...	38	...	34	4	...	...	...	..	18	3	18	997-9-11	0-2-28	
NorthD. Nyayadhish ..	...	...	220	208	220	208	220	208	...	...	8123-12-9	...	208	...	189	19	...	...	...	25	122	...	61	8123-12-9	0-0-15	
South D. Nyayadhish..	...	1	85	115	85	116	84	114	1	1	4085-12-9	...	115	...	107	8	...	...	...	19	85	...	10	4072-10-10	0-0-24	
Total...	88	118	685	768	773	886	655	808	118	78	72161-9-11	20	740	8	666	80	11	10	1	158	429	37	184	47672-7-10	0-2-28	

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APPENDIX XI.

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months	Below 12 months	Above 12 months	
Small Cause Court ...	28	156	8,297-11-3	505	433	28,584-9-11	533	589	36,882-5-2	377	481	32,740-5-2	156	108	4,142-0-0	93	9	6	
Diwani Nyayadhish...	98	105	76,431-7-10	261	172	64,923-4-5	359	277	1,41,354-12-3	254	182	99,164-4-6	105	95	42,190-7-9	45	32	18	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	1	55-5-2	14	38	1,230-5-8	14	39	1,285-10-10	13	39	1,285-10-10	1	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish	2	...	...	162	169	7,561-6-9	164	169	7,561-6-9	164	169	7,561-6-9	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish	1	1	46-2-0	30	56	2,459-1-1	31	59	2,505-3-1	30	57	2,505-3-1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	129	263	84,830-10-3	972	868	1,04,758-11-10	1101	1131	1,89,589-6-1	838	928	1,43,256-14-4	263	203	46,332-7-9	138	41	24	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIVIL WORK—Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18

Tribunals.	Opening balanee		Filed during		Total		Disposed of during		Closing balance		Value of appeals filed during		How disposed of.										Average duration.	
													Decision confirmed		Decision reversed		Decision amended		Cases remanded for re-trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Huzoor Court ...	8	12	6	6	14	18	2	11	12	7	483-3-3	996-2-9	1	3	1	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	2-7-16	1-1-8
Sirnyayadhish Court	13	10	15	14	28	24	18	16	10	8	5594-2-11	2334-11-6	6	5	10	1	...	4	...	1	2	5	2-8-16	0-9-12
Total ...	21	22	21	20	42	42	20	27	22	15	6077-6-2	3330-14-3	7	8	11	7	...	6	...	1	2	5	1-8-1	0-11-6

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks. (showing mortality among convicts in Jails).
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	44	77	120	121	34·964	43·054	47	2743-8-4	Y. M. D. 0-1-18	
Adhoi Jail	1	...	11	9	11	·02	·03	...	137-11-4	0-0-12	
Derala Jail	1	...	8	9	8	·02	·02	...	15-3-9	0-0-1	
Tankara Jail... ...	1	...	12	11	12	·03	·03	...	17-14-1	0-0-9	
Total ...	4	44	108	149	152	34·971	43·062	47	2914-5-6	0-0-26	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money-bond.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office ...	251	299	126	115	71	153	1	8	41	13	12	10	249	299	3,20,925-9-6	1,83,010-0-9	...	...	2	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „ ...	10	8	3	7	3	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	10	8	1,619-12-0	2,362-2-10	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish „ ...	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	...	...	11	3	1,607	750-0-0	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish „ ...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	3	100	382-1-0	...	...	...	...	
Total...	273	313	129	122	74	154	2	8	56	19	12	10	271	313	3,24,252-5-6	1,86,504-4-7	...	...	2	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Description	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	
Mortgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c. ...	273	3,24,252	5	6	543	15	...	313	1,86,504	4	7	458	2	...	
Total ...	273	3,24,252	5	6	543	15	...	313	1,86,504	4	7	458	2	...	
Deduct expenditure...	...	...	...	...	333	10	9	...	...	...	...	335	11	3	
Net profit...	...	...	...	...	210	4	3	...	...	...	...	122	6	9	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Name.	Opening balance. on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on the 31st March.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present.		Past.	Present.		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Morvi State	.....	167-12-3	246-8-0	.....	6494-10-3	6307-6-9	.....	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

State.	April 1917		May 1917		June 1917		July 1917		August 1917		September 1917		October 1917		November 1917		December 1917		January 1918		February 1918		March 1918		Total		Total of past year		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	
Morvi State.	...	...	1	92	1	73	17	97	10	77	2	33	6	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	62	16	...	20	94	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Articles.	During March 1917 (Per one Rupee.)			During March 1918 (Per one Rupee.)			Remarks.
	Mds.	Seers.	Tolas	Mds.	Seers.	Tolas	
Bajri...	25	...	...	13	...	...	
Jowar...	38	...	...	16	...	...	
Rice	14	...	...	12	...	...	
Wheat...	20	...	...	13	...	...	
Mug	16	...	...	15	...	...	
Urad	16	...	...	15	...	...	
Gram...	22	...	...	19	...	...	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railways	793-4-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. „ Tramways	8,607-1-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. „ for Industrial Department ...	702-15-6	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. „ for General Workshop ...	715-6-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. „ for Telephone Department ...	1,114-9-0	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Paneli pipe line	2,148-15-2	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Jetpar Bangalow	806-7-7	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Dahisara Bangalow	3,249-8-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Barwala Bangalow Zanana rooms	3,241-0-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Extension in Nazarbag Zanana rooms ...	2,824-10-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Working Motor cars and buying new ...	13,387-7-1	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Building Dam in River Machhu	3,768-11-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Establishment charges	8,865-3-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Minor works	28,662-12-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
—„— Korries...	214½	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Special and ordinary repairs... ...	...	77,765-4-9	...	...	...	...	...
Total Rs....	78,888-1-10	77,765-4-9	1,56,653-6-7	...	...	...	1,56,653-6-7
Korries...	214½		214½				214½

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APPENDIX XX

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

District.	year.	Horses and cattle									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
				Male.	Female.										
Morvi State	1917-18	18,221	12,627	197	8,433	203	389	91	1,207	34,897	7,073	...	...	4,307	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Morvi State ...	1	5,250	1	1,245-5-3	1	445	...	...	3	6,940-5-3	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated		Result of indoor patients				Expenditure.	Daily average	Remarks
	Out-door	In-door	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining			
Morvi State Dispensary ...	15,807	...	...	...	...	...	5,072-14-5	160·5	
Asylum ,, ...	...	56	54	2	...	3	1,609- 2-1	4·11	
Adhoi ,, ...	901	...	...	...	...	...	1,652¼ Korries	29·6	
Tankara ,, ...	3,342	...	...	...	...	...	457-10-9	49·6	
Wawania ,, ...	1,530	...	...	...	...	...	466- 5-8	...	
Ghantila ,, ...	2,102	...	...	...	...	...	314-14-9	23·2	
Jetpur ,, ...	2,791	...	...	...	...	...	378- 5-3	...	
Total...	26,473	56	54	2	...	3	8,299- 5-0 1,652¼ Korries		

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital Statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State	90,230	2,266	2,029	...	237	2,295	1,761	...	534	2·36	21·1	23·9	18·3	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1917-18.

Number of schools.		Description of schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High school.	Secondary.	Primary.	
							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	1	High school	500	488	387	376	8,962	...	...	
1	1	Middle school	58	56	41	44	...	157	...	
78	79	Primary schools	3,945	3,805	2,758	2,560	...	...	10,893	
2	2	Girls schools	231	262	172	183	...	...	811	
1	1	Sanskrit Pathshala ...	15	16	14	11	...	240	...	

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur,
G. C. I. E.,

Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS.

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of Your Highness' State for the year 1918-19.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 31st October 1919.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

Report of the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1918-19.

Chapter I

General and Political.

1. The State of Morvi is situated, as stated in previous Administration reports, towards the North of the Peninsula of Kathiawar, in its Machhukantha Division, while its Adhoi Mahal lies in the Wagad portion of the Cutch Peninsula. Both are guaranteed in one Parwana by Colonel Walker representing the British Government.

2. The Machhukantha land is generally level, hills being rare. The soil is fertile and is favourable to cotton of a superior type. In the Tankara Division the quality of the soil is medium. The climate is temperate and healthy.

3. The State comprises 147 villages, covering an area of 913 square miles less the area of Janghi, Amberdi, Chandrodi and Laliana Pati which have been transferred to the Cutch State in the Exchange Settlement since 1900.

4. The population, according to the census of 1911, was 90,230 souls. The gross revenue of the State for the year (ended 30-9-18) was Rs. 13,63,475.

5. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs 49,206 as Peshkashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,093 as Zortalbi to Junagadh.

6. The Rulers of Morvi are the descendants of the Senior Branch of the entire Jadeja Rajput Clan, including the Houses of Cutch and Nawanagar.

7. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness' direction. The chief feature in the administration is that the authority and powers of all the heads of Departments have been clearly defined, and each within his own sphere is independent of others. In matters of importance Your Highness is always and at all times accessible for advice and guidance. The success which has attended the administration of the State is chiefly due to the watchful care and able guidance, and above all, to the personal example of stern and unflinching devotion to duty and unremitting attention to the

well-being of the State and its subjects. The tone of efficiency in the working of the various Departments has consequantly been maintained at the same level as before.

The Great War.

8. The most noteworthy event of the year was the happy termination of the Great War—the greatest ever known in history—in the glorious victory of the British Empire and its Allies. For over four long years, the whole Empire and the Allies were engaged in a most deadly conflict against military tyranny in which all international obligations were trampled under foot and all dictates of humanity set at naught by the Enemy. And we are most thankful to Almighty God, that by His grace and wise dispensation, Right and Justice have triumphed in the end and the Allies have scored a glorious victory for freedum and honour.

9. At the end of June we received the most welcome news of the signing of the Treaty of Peace. There were great rejoicings on the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in November last and on receipt of the news of the Signing of the Treaty. The days were observed as public holidays throughout the State, thanks-giving services were held in all places of religious worship, a salute of guns was fired, a parade was held and the joyful event was celebrated in a manner befitting the unique occasions.

War measures for the service of the Empire.

10. From the beginning of the war to its termination the Morvi State rendered what assistance lay in its power.

11. The most notable contribution by Your Highness was the subscription of over Fifty Lacs of Rupees to the War Loans of 1917-18.

12. The aid rendered by the Morvi State during the war may be summarised as under:—

Rs. 15,000 to the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund.

Two Motor ambulance cars, one 23 seated and other five seated, of the value of Rs. 25,000.

Two motor ambulance cars presented to His Majesty, the King Emperor in England for the use of the Indian Expeditionary force in France.

An offer of 4 tents for Field Hospital in France.

A meter gauge Engine worth Rs. 43,000 to the Government of India for use in the war.

The State Workshops were placed at the disposal of Government. They manufactured base plates &c for shells in combination with the R. M. Railway Workshops, Ajmer.

From August 1915 to the end of the war a contribution of Rs. 20 per month to the Rajkot Tailoring Fund.

Rs. 29,000 contributed in purchases at the Great War Sale held in December 1916, where Your Highness conducted some of the auctions.

One Race horse worth Rs. 2,000 presented to Her Excellency Lady Chelmsford's Lucky Bag.

Rs. 7,000 spent at the Exhibition held by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon in Bombay in 1917.

Rs. 2,000 to the Matheran Lucky Bag.

Rs. 11,500 spent at the Rajkot Our Day Celebrations when Your Highness again conducted the auctions.

Rs. 1,000 purchase by the State of 1,000 tickets in the Rajkot Lucky Bag.

Rs. 2,000 to the Bombay Women's Branch.

Rs. 500 fifty St. Raphel tickets.

Rs. 500 fifty tickets in the Western India Turf Club Lottery in aid of the War Loan.

Rs. 150 to the East Indies Station Naval Fund.

Two cavalry horses each worth Rs. 1,000.

Rs. 1,000 to the Recruiting Fund of the Kathiawar Company under formation.

Offer of four tents for the use of the abovementioned Company.

At the request of the Agent to the Governor and the Commanding Officer 125 Napier Rifles, the State Bungalow and out houses at Rajkot were placed at the disposal of the military authorities.

Rs. 2,000 to the Pageant held at Poona on the 18th September 1918.

Rs. 250 in aid of the Anandale Club through Lady Hill.

Rs. 200 to the Seamen's institute.

Rs. 3,101 to their Imperial Majesty's Silver Wedding Fund.

The War Loan of 1917.

Rs. 2,10,000 i-e £ 14,000 to the English War Loan.

Rs. 21,32,000 to the Indian War Loan.

Rs. 16,50,000 in the name of Your Highness.

Rs. 1,50,000 in the names of Their Highnesses the Rani Sahebs.

Rs. 3,32,000 by The subjects of the State.

The War Loan of 1918.

Rs. 27,00,000 Twenty seven Lacs.

The War Loan contribution amounting in all to Rs. 50,32,000 (fifty Lacs and thirty two thousand).

13. In the recent war with Afghanistan, the resources of the State were placed at the disposal of His Majesty's Government for such use as might be necessary.

The Famine and Famine measures.

14. The very unfortunate and serious feature of the year was the shortage of rainfall which gave rise to famine conditions. The rainfall was only 8 inches throughout the season and that also was not evenly distributed. Following close upon the famine of 1915-16, it told more heavily on the people. The abnormal rise in prices of foodstuffs owing to the world-wide European War added enormosly to the strain. And as if this was not enough, the terrible epidemic of influenza intensified the acuteness of the situation. But thanks to the personal care and attention of Your Highness, everything possible was done to mitigate the hardship and to afford timely relief.

15. Be it also said to the prudence of the agricultural population that, profiting by previous experience as to the uncertainty of monsoons in recent years, they had, most of them, stored up grass and so had most of them enough fodder to pull them through the year. Villages in the vicinity of the Bundar and near train centres were assisted by a supply of cher leaves of which there is an abundance on the shore. And this experience has once more proved the great need of connecting other centres by fresh tramway lines. Although such connections would involve a large outlay, they would be very helpful in bad seasons by enabling the people to secure an easy supply of mangroove leaves at a nominal cost.

16. These were supplemented by a supply of 27,000 maunds or 10 lacs of grass by the Durbar.

17. The Darbar further supplied 15,000 maunds of grain, advanced Rs. 10,000 for sinking new wells and repairing old ones and Rs. 60,000 were loaned for seed.

18. With the co-operation of the Durbar and the Mahajan, cattle of non-agricultural population and especially of Bharwads and Matwas, who could hardly afford to buy grass or kurbi which had become as dear as grain in ordinary years, were also saved. More than 3,000 cattle must have been cared for. And it is a great consolation to be able to say that with Your Highness' support and with the united generosity of the Durbar and the Mahajan and in particular with the liberal help given by the agriculturists from out of their surplus fodder these dumb, useful creatures were enabled to pull through the famine. The mortality among cattle was thus greatly averted.

19. As soon as it became clear that monsoon had failed, Your Highness lost no time to devise measures to meet the situation. Meetings of cultivators and of their headmen were held from time to time and personal discussions were held as to the situation and the means necessary to meet it. Besides Your Highness' daily motor tours into the district, inspite of continued indifferent health, gave first hand knowledge. The result of this anxious solicitude and timely succour has been the happy sight of the whole agricultural population, without exception, in their full normal vigour and of their livestock in a healthy and robust condition. It is a matter of no small pride and relief that at the end of the year it can be safely said that mortality among the livestock of agriculturists was, if any, insignificant.

20. Crowning all these, came Your Highness' most unique piece of generosity in the matter of revenue collections. The Mukhya Patels were first asked to ascertain by local inspection the probable yield of every village of their circle and when they had submitted their results, there was a representative meeting of all the cultivators and the assessment was fixed in consultation with them. On an average only a four anna Vighoti was recovered, and instead of carrying over the balance, the remaining twelve annas i.-e. about 6 lacs of Rupees were wholly remitted. This is not the only time when such a remission was made. In the years 1899-00, 1911-12, and 1915-16 when the conditions were more acute, the Durbar remitted the whole Vighoti or over 8 lacs of Rs. in each of those 3 years.

21. It is to measures such as these that the prosperity of the agricultural population is due. It is again due to such measures that cultivators

of the best class and type are drawn to the State. The agricultural population is about 45000 to 50000 souls. who almost all belong to the Kunbi caste and who are traditionally the best and the most industrious cultivators.

22. The labouring class was unlike other years of scarcity, better situated. Although the prices of foodstuffs had gone up very high, risen almost three times, the wages were also proportionataly high. Males earned from 10 to 12 annas a day and females eight annas. And as every one of the family was an earning member, from a boy or girl of 10 to an adult of 60, they earned enough for their maintenance inspite of high prices. But notwithstanding these conditions, Your Highness provided work throughout the year to from 500 to 800 labourers daily on the District roads which, while affording means of livelihood to such a large number, left the field of labour open and uncrowded to others.

23. For the respectable poor and destitute private inquiries were made and the necessary aid was given to them. Cash payments at the rate of Rs. 4/-per man or woman per month were made.

24. The work of separating cotton from cotton pods was another source of relief easily accessible to the respectable poor and widows and almost at their very door. About 1,000 loads of cotton pods were being daily, taken away for cleaning. It served a double purpose. It provided work to the respectable poor and the pods served as cheap fodder for local cattle.

25. As to State employes their earning being a fixed salary, the rise in prices of food grains pressed heavily on those drawing small salaries. They were given grain compensation allowance on a sliding scale rising up to 33 percent. And as the prices rose still higher, Your Highness was further pleased to increase the allowance by 50 percent more. On the top of this their permanent salaries were also increased.

26. And lastly charitably disposed persons were encouraged by allowing all articles of food or clothing, they might be disposed to send, duty free, a help which was much appreciated. Execution of decrees was also suspended.

27. The difficulty of cultivators in realising the full benefit and return of their labour is aptly described in the report of Sir Holland's Industrial Commission at page 9. An undue number of middlemen intercepts a large share of their profits. Some of them are again indebted to traders who are their only possible purchasers and who prevent them from obtaining a fair

market price for their crop. Ever solicitous for their prosperity, Your Highness has enabled them to realise the best and the highest prevailing price.

The Lekh System.

28. One more beneficent measure during the year was the introduction of the Lekh system in the moffusil. Hitherto the system prevailed only in the capital and in the principal Mahals. In the moffusil, the people did not enjoy this right, neither the cultivators, nor the Kasbatis. The houses given to cultivators for residence were attached to their holdings and with the transfer of an agricultural holding went the place of residence also, attached to the holding. The houses of Kasbatis and Ubhads were also on crown lands. To give them stability and security and to thereby stimulate the building of good houses in the moffusil. Your Highness was pleased to introduce the Lekh System there also on easy terms. This will give them permanent tenure, full right of ownership and all other rights appertaining thereto.

29. As in previous years Your Highness' motor tours in the district which covered 8,212 miles, were continued in order to enable Your Highness to look to things at first hand and to be in direct and personal touch with the people. The construction and completion of pucca roads in the district, of which 25 miles more were completed during the year and of which, they are more than 500 miles, the provision of instant medical relief from the head quarters in cases of accidents or serious illness in addition to the six district dispensaries and one travelling dispensary, and the free use of State motor cars for the purpose, free primary and secondary aducation and grant of scholarships here and at colleges continued to be the features of the administration during the year.

30. These general preliminary remarks bring me to the details of the administration.

Chapter II

Revenue Administration

31. The revenue year commences from 1st October and ends with 30th September, while for the purpose of general statistics the year begins from 1st April and covers the period from 1st April to 31st March.

32. The total rainfall for all the districts was 8-8 inches, as compared

with 41-62 inches of the past year, that is to say, while in the preceding year the rain was abnormally heavy, especially the last October rains doing excessive damage to Juwar and Bajri, this year it was very scanty and gave rise to famine conditions. In the months of June and July, the best part of the season, there was only two inches of rain, barely sufficient to commence sowing operations. While August gave five inches; but only one good rain without any more, could hardly sustain and rear the crops which for want of rain withered in the end. The outturn was only a four-anna crop on an average.

33. The committee of six Patels, referred to in previous reports, continued to represent the cultivators before the Darbar in the discussion of revenue matters affecting their interests.

34. The Ekajuti system introduced for the last few years on the co-operative basis continues to work smoothly and satisfactorily. It has helped to foster mutual good understanding, vigilance and co-operation among the cultivators, as a result of which it is my pleasing duty to report, that they have all kept up their high level of hard work.

35. In the Agricultural Bank, which is maintained under State supervision, the cultivators regularly deposit, by way of investment, an anna in the Rupee, of the Vighoti they pay to the State. The funds thus accummulating serves as a never-failing support to the cultivators in times of scarcity or famine and is an insurance against all unforeseen contingencies. The funds of the Bank stand at Rs. 4,64,970.

36. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report without once more urging upon Your Highness' attention the very great necessity of a direct connection with the outlying portion of our territory, viz, the Adhoi Mahal, by means of modern facilities for transport and communication, such as a tramway and telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardship and inconvenience to the public for want of such direct and speedy means of communication are self-evident. To our Adhoi subjects they are intolerable. They feel that they are entirely cut off from the outside world and are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally great. Under normal conditions letters take as many as 4 days to reach Adhoi, by post, although it is barely 50 miles from the head quarters at Morvi. The difficulties to the people and the State can be imagined.

A tram connection would bring Adhoi within very easy reach and would be a certain as well as speedy means of communication. It is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may earnestly take up the matter and endeavour to secure to the Adhoi Mahal the benefits of modern means of communication so that Your Highness' subjects in that Mahal may be relieved of the hardships they are labouring under and may be placed the on same footing as Your Highness' other subjects as regards facilities for commerce, education and general advancement.

37. In this connection, again, I cannot help bringing once more to Your Highness' notice the unfortunate difficulties and serious loss from which our Adhoi Mahal has been suffering owing to the heavy duties levied by the Cutch Darbar on goods in transit through the land route *via* Shikarpur. It is a historical fact that the Mahal has been guaranteed by Colonel Walker, on behalf of the British Government, in the same Parwana along with Your Highness' possessions in Kathiawar. More than once Government have declared that the Mahal should be treated in every respect as if it were situated in Kathiawar and have pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of its rights and possessions. The whole question of duties leviable by Cutch was referred by Government to a Commission with instructions that the year 1819—the year of the Treaty with Cutch—should be considered as the statute of limitation and that any new duties affecting Your Highness' possessions, which might have been levied subsequent to the Treaty, should be abolished and, if increased, should be reduced. On that principle Government were pleased to fix the rates, once for all, on goods passing through the land route *via* Shikarpur. At the same time Government were pleased to declare that that decision was final and that under no pretext whatever would it be allowed to be reopened. These decisions of Government have not been modified by any subsequent decision of Government. On the contrary, they have been affirmed and reaffirmed in subsequent years. Yet, after the Commission of Mr. Kennedy, (on which the previous decisions of Government were binding as acknowledged by itself and as intimated by Government expressly), the Cutch Darbar commenced to levy a duty of $11\frac{1}{2}$ % on goods in transit between Adhoi and Morvi via the land route Shikarpur. And although our State memorialised Government in the matter, Government were not pleased to interfere on our behalf. The Cutch State then commenced a levy of so much as 50 percent duty on the export of Adhoi hides via Shikarpur and Janghi. We approached Government, but at this time also without success. Your Highness, it can be easily imagined how seriously detrimental to the

interests of the Adhoi Mahal, which stands on the same footing as our possessions in Kathiawar, these heavy imposts are. Besides being inconsistent with our independence and position in the Adhoi Mahal they deprive Adhoi of ⅛ and even ½ of its produce. A levy of even 5 % duty at Viramgam was acknowledged by Government as highly detrimental to trade and Government have been generously pleased to abolish it. We must bow to the decission of Government, but I may be allowed to respectfully urge in all earnestness, once again, that if our ancient and precious heritage of the Adhoi Mahal is to share in the general prosperity of our Kathiawar possessions and to be saved from the drain caused by these heavy duties on goods in transit, the matter requires Your Highness' serious consideration.

Chapter III

Protection.

38. The total force of this State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report, stood at 642. The head of the Department is the Superintendent of Police who is assisted by one Assistant Superintendent and has, besides, under him, one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

39. The force consists of 131 regular police, 29 mounted police and 482 irregular police which includes the Village Police, Arabs, Makranies &c.

40. The total cost of this Department in the year under report was Rs. 66,666-15-7 as against 62,261-6-0 during the previous year.

41. The ratio of the total force comes to one man for every 149 men of the entire population.

42. Of the total force again 208 were posted in the town and suburbs of Morvi, while 434 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal.

43. During the year under report 83 were reduced while 27 were newly enlisted. There were 56 vacancies to be filled up, but recruits were not available inspite of the best efforts of the Department.

44. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 153 as against 135 of the previous year, while the number of persons arrested stood at 228 as against 205 of the year preceding. Of these 228 accused persons, 210 were convicted and sentenced. while 15 were either acquitted or discharged.

45. The value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 7,676-12-6 as against 2,636-5-0 of the previous year, while the property recovered was of the value of Rs. 3,377-5-3 as against Rs. 1,390-12-0 worth recovered during the preceding year. The percentage of recovery was 43·9 against 52·7 in the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

46. The Courts established for the administration of Criminal Justice are:—

4 Magistrate Courts (original), of these one at Morvi has the powers of a First Class Magistrate and the remaining three have those of a Second Class Magistrate.

1 The Sir Nyayadhish Court (sessions cases and appeals).

1 The Hazur Court (appeals and revisions).

47. The judicial work done by each of these 6 Courts will appear from Appendices VII & VIII from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 572 involving 1,048 persons, as against 531 of the previous year involving 1,051 persons. Of these 1,048 persons so brought up for trial, 381 were convicted and sentenced, while 482 were discharged without trial, and 97 were acquitted, 9 died, while 46 were committed to the Sessions and 33 were awaiting trial.

48. The Appellate Court decided 4 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed in 2 cases, and modified in 2, while one was pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

There are the following seven Courts of Civil Justice:—

(1) The Hazur Court.
(2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court.
(3) The Diwani Nyayadhish Court.
(4) The Small Cause Court.
(5) The Nyayadhish Court, Adhoi.
(6) The Nyayadhish Court Northern Division.
(7) The Nyayadhish Court Southern Division.

49. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and also exercises the powers of Revision and Reference, while the Sir Nyayadhish Court forms the first Appellate Court to which appeals lie against the decisions of the

Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and of the three District Courts. The Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with powers to hear suits without limit as to value, while the three District Courts have limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

50. The year opened with a balance of 78 undecided suits to which must be added 453 suits filed during the year under report, making in all 531. Of these 449 were disposed of leaving 82 as the closing balance of undecided suits. Of these 453 new suits, 23 referrred to immoveables and 428 were money suits, while 2 were miscellaneous claims.

51. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of First Instance was Rs. 62,069-5-3½ as against Rs. 72,161-9-11 in the previous year. Further details are given in Appendix X.

52. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report in the two Appellate Courts was 17 which together with the last year's closing balance of 15 gave the total of 32. Of these 10 were disposed of with the result that in 6 appeals the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed, in 3 amended, while 1 case was remanded.

53. The year opened with a balance of 203 applications for the execution of decrees which with 482 newly put in during the report year, gave the total of 685. Out of these 588 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving the closing balance of 97 pending disposal.

Extradition.

54. The number of offenders extradited by this State to other States for their regular trial was 18 as against 14 during the previous year, while that of the accused received by this State was 4 as against 23 during the preceding year.

Jails.

55. There is one Central Jail at Morvi and 3 more Sub-Jails at the District head-quarters, viz, Tankara, Derala and Adhoi. The number of prisoners at the close of the last year was 47 which with 138 admitted in the course of the year under roport gave the total of 185. Of these 112 were discharged at the expiration of their term of imprisonment thus leaving 73 prisoners in the Jail at the end of year.

56. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 39·082 as against 43·062 of the previous year.

57. The total gross expenditure, exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards, was Rs. 6,918-15-7 as against Rs. 2,914-5-6 of the previous year.

Registration.

58. The number of documents presented for Registration during the report year was 235 as against 313 during the previous year. The total declared value of the property affected by the documents so registered amounted to Rs. 70,849-4-0 as against Rs. 1,86,504-4-7 of the previous year. The major portion of these documents, viz, 102 referred to mortgages and 84 to sales, while 33 were money bonds, 14 wills, and 2 related to miscellaneous matters as stated in Appendix XIV. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 240-8-0.

Municipalities.

59. There are four Municipalities in the State, viz, at Morvi, Tankara, Wawania and Adhoi. These are maintained at State expense. The most important of all these is at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 3,887-3-2 as against Rs. 6,307-6-9 during the previous year.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution.

Weather and rainfall.

60. Appendix XVII hereto gives the details of rainfall in the State during the Samwat year 1973 (1917 A. D.) from which it will appear that the monsoon was almost a failure. We had a total of only 2·38 inches in June and July was absolutely dry. In August we were favoured with a supply of 5·18 inches, but with only ·52 in September and nothing in October the crops in the end withered and famine conditions prevailed.

61. The area under sugarcane plantation during the year under report was 149½ bighas and there were 51 plantations in all.

62. Chasia wheat was sown over 1,038 Bighas during the report year as against 669¾ Bighas of the previous year. Irrigated wheat was grown over 1,059 Bighas as compared to 5,284 Bighas during the preceding year. Cotton was grown over 3,59,596 Bighas against 1,91,443¾ Bighas of the previous year.

63. There are several plantations in the State mostly of Babul trees which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. Babul trees were planted during the year over 4,963 Bighas.

Horticulture.

64. The Darbar maintains a number of gardens at Morvi. There are also several gardens in the District, chiefly at Tankara, Dahisra and Adhoi.

65. The work of tree planting and rearing was continued in the year under report under your Highness' standing orders. The number of trees planted during the year was 786.

Manufacture and Industries.

66. The local workshop can well be regarded as the best equipped in Kathiawar. It is provided with an upto date plant and has been turning out Railway materials ; also artistic furniture. It serves as a model training school for young boys in the field of mechanics, training them as practical fitters and artisans and it enables them to earn a decent living. The workshops were placed at the disposal of Government for war use and in conjunction with the B. B. & C. I. Railway workshops at Ajmer were, till the end of 1916, engaged in turning out base plates &c for shells for use in the war.

67. All Railway work is done in these workshops including construction of rolling stock. The cast-iron and brass foundries are also doing satisfactory work. There is one dynamo working to supply electric power to the palace and to the offices known as Hill Buildings. There are electric installations at several other State buildings here as well as in the District.

68. The Chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade.

69. The Morvi Railway and the network of the Tramway lines which connect the district centres with the Capital, as also the cotton press and ginning factories give great stimulus and facility to trade and commerce. Besides, the port of Navlakhi which is provided with steam launches, and which is connected with the capital by a tram line, affords further convenience to merchants carrying on trade with other ports. The two branches of tram lines running north, namely, the one running to Wawania and Nalvakhi, 22 and 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station, and the other running to Jetpur (16 miles), and thence to Khakhrechi (Road), the chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles), afford great facilities to traffic and in particular to Malia subjects by connecting that district with Morvi and then, through the Morvi

Railway, with the rest of Kathiawar and Gujarat. Naturally therefore these tram lines control the entire Malia traffic. Regaridng the proposed Halvad Malia extension, on a consideration of the representation of this State, Government were pleased to appoint Mr. Edwards to investigate the question. He held his inquiry last June and July; but the result is not yet known.

70. The Navlakhi and Jetpur lines have again the convenience of out-agencies so that goods can be booked through to any part of Indian Railways. These facilities are greatly appreciated by trade.

71. In this connection there is one point which seems to call for elucidation. By the introduction of tariff on the analogy of the British tariff at Kathiawar ports, it will be necessary to see that foreign goods are not smuggled into Kathiawar. This has been arranged at the ports where there is always a permanent establishment. But it is not clear what measures have been adopted or proposed to be adopted by Government as well as other frontier States against the entry of foreign goods *by land* into Kathiawar, Gujarat and British India. There are several land routes from Cutch to Kathiawar and Gujarat and the provision of duties on Cutch goods at ports would be nullified by the easy entry of such goods by these several land routes if proper safeguards are not provided.

72. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 25,07,403-8-0 as against 12,41,202-8-4.

73. The total value of exports during the same period was Rs. 70,04,729-14-3 as compared to 33,69,667-9-6 of the previous year.

Public Works.

74. The total expenditure in the year under report on public works amounted to Rs. 1,58,465-5-11 and koris 205¼ of which Rs. 79,427-9-1 and koris 205¼ were spent on original works, while the remaining Rs. 79,037-12-10 were spent on repairs. Wages kept high and labour was not adequate to the requirements of the Public works department inspite of offer of high wages.

General Conditions.

75. The general health of the people continued to be good except in the months of September and October during which there was a general epidemic of influenza which took a very heavy toll, and had such an envervating influence on the system that those who survived the attack were left very weak and they required a long time for recuperation after convalescence. The

birth rate showed an increase of 216 births over those during the previous year, while the death rate showed an increase of 2,545 deaths over those of the year preceding.

76. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and to the decrepit amounted to Rs. 3,156 and private relief given to the needy amounted to Rs. 3,187

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

77. The following table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending with 30th September 1918 as compared with the respective figures for the previous year.—

	Samwat 1973.	Samwat 1974.	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue ...	13,91,493-0-0	13,63,475- 8-0	...	28,018-0-0
Expenditure..	5,38,737-8-0	5,33,822-0-0	...	34,915-8-0

78. This statement shows a decrease of Rs. 28,018 in the revenue receipts for the year, and of Rs. 34,915 in expenditure

79. The returns from the customs duties amounted to Rs. 1,66,994-14-5. against Rs. 92,223-8-1 of the previous year.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

80. During the year under report 2,245 total births were registered as against 2,029 during the preceding year; this shows an increase of 216 births. Similarly 4,306 was the total number of deaths for the report year as compared to 1,761 for the previous year, showing an increase of 2,545 deaths. The death rate per mile of the population stood at 44·9 as against 19·51 for the year preceding.

Medical Relief.

81. There were in all eight institutions that administered medical aid to the public, viz, an Asylum and Hospital at the capital and 6 more Dispen-

saries at the different centres. Besides, one more Hospital Assistant travelled through the Districts where there might be no dispensary within easy reach of the people there. It is gratifying to note that this arrangement has proved to be a much-needed and valuable help to the poor.

82. The total number of patients treated in these eight institutions came up to 22,430 including 28 indoor patients as against 26,473 with 56 indoor patients treated during the previous year; The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 160·5.

83. The total cost of these institutions was Rs. 8,730-4-2.

84. Although there are about nine dispensaries opened for administering medical relief to the subjects, free of charge, a special measure has been devised for the benefit of the people in the villages, which enjoins upon the village police the duty of reporting to the Chief Medical Officer at the capital, by telephone, the happening of any serious accident or the existence of any serious illness or dangerous cases &c., and the Chief Medical Officer is directed forthwith to arrange for the necessary relief to the party concerned by proceeding to the scene of such accident or illness.

85. The laying out of the net-work of district roads and telephone lines all through the length and breadth of the State, has made such report and the consequential relief thanks to the further facility the State motor cars afford in such cases. These have been placed at the disposal of the medical staff, free of charge, to enable them to proceed to the spot at once.

86. During the year under report, 40 cases were treated in this manner by the Chief Medical Officer and his immediate subordinates.

Asylum.

87. The Morvi Asylum is a purely charitable institution maintained by the State, where the poor, the sick and the decrepit are both nursed and fed, free of charge. This institution is under the control of the Chief Medical Officer. It consists of several blocks or wards, built a little away from the river bank on a high level and is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major and minor operations. During the year under report 28 patients were treated in this Asylum. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came up to Rs. 1,677-11-9 during the year.

Vaccination.

88. The Chief Medical Officer has the direct supervision of this Depart-

ment and is assisted by his Hospital Assistants who do inspection work in the district.

89. During the report year 1750 children were vaccinated; of these the inspectors visited 1450 while the rest were visited by the Chief Medical Officer.

90. The total cost of this Department this year amounted to Rs. 715 as against of Rs. 876 of the last year.

Chapter VII.

Education

91. The Ba Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the report year attended by 445 students as against 488 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 400 and 376 respectively. The total expenditure was Rs. 8,223. The High school has got a good Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnasium and a Cricket ground.

92. At the last Matriculation Examination 4 students were presented, of whom 2 were successful which gives a percentage of 50 per hundred.

93. There were in all 34 primary schools during the report year. These were attended by 1,385 students with the average attendance of 1,083. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 8,355 during the year under report.

94. There are two girls' schools in the State. During the report year these were attended by 221 girls with a daily average attendance of 138. The cost came to Rs. 634. During the preceding year the total attendance was 262 with the daily average attendance of 183 and the cost was Rs. 811.

95. There is one Pathshala known as the Ravaji Raj Pathshala where 18 students received education in the Sanskrit Language at the hands of a Shastri who is himself a worthy disciple of the late Venerable Shastri Mahamahopadhyaya Kavi Shankerlal Maheshwar. The daily attendance at the Pathshala was 15.

96. The six scholarships, two for higher and six for secondary education, referred to in the previous year's report, were continued during the year.

97. For some years past education had been compulsory throughout the State. But it was found from experience that this involved practical difficulties. The inconvenience arising from compulsion in particular to the

agricultural class seemed to outweigh the benefit intended. For one year therefore compulsion was withdrawn and education was left voluntary. At the same time, instead of 15 being the minimum number of pupils for the opening or retention of a school, the minimum number was kept at 10 pupils only.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

98. The State maintains a Printing Press where the State Gazette is printed and published every month; besides, an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway and also for other State Offices is executed here. The Press is also open to the public.

99. The gross earnings of the Press during the report year were Rs. 9,012-3-8, while the working expenses amounted to Rs. 3,668-1-7; the net profit therefore was Rs. 5,344-2-1, which may be considered satisfactory.

Libraries.

100. The Libraries and the Reading Rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, the seat of all State offices, where works on various branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State, are also received here. There is another library attached to the State Engineer's Office. It has a unique collection of over 2,200 selected works on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12,000.

The State Stud Department.

101. As the Department did not pay, it has been abolished.

Survey

102. Surveys were carried out in 63 villages, measuring 13,863¾ bighas, at a cost of Rs. 1,910-7-4 giving an average cost of Rs. 0-2-2 per Bigha. The Survey Department also did work in connection with boundary pillars on interstatal boundaries.

Tramway

103. The total capital outlay on the Tramway System in all the three

lines upto now has been Rs. 10,72,655-6-10.

104. For the through of booking goods out-agencies have been opened at Navlakhi port, Wawania, Jetpur and Tankara and through-booking of passengers also to Bombay is made at the port of Navlakhi.

Chapter IX.

Railway.

105. Mr. S. R. Iyer continued as Manager Morvi Railway during the year. He was also the Head of the Traffic Department. Mr. M. T. Daftary filled the post of Assistant Manager. Mr. Vanmalidas L. C. E. continued as Resident Engineer. Mr. Govindji D. Jadav was Auditor and Store Keeper during the year under report and Mr. L. S. Mody took over from Mr. V. K. Rana the charge of the Loco and the Carriage Department.

106. The gross earnings of the Railway during the report year amounted to Rs. 14,44,127 and the working expenses came up to Rs. 4,17,637 thus leaving Rs.10,26,490 as the total net profit made by this Railway which gives 19·16 percent on the capital outlay.

107. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles

108. As stated in the last year's report packages marked " Red Cross Gifts " consigned to the St. John's Ambulance Depot, Bombay, as well as consignments intended for the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund, booked to and from any station on this Railway line were carried free by passenger trains, to the end of the war.

General.

109. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the heads of Departments and Officers who have been one and all so zealous and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan Office,
Morvi 31st October 1919.

BHANJI KANJI,
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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnal during the year 1918-19.

Names of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From	To	
Azam Bhanji Kanji	Dewan	1-4-1918	31-3-1919	
„ Tribhowan Fulchand	Surnyayadhish	1-4-1918	31-3-1919	
„ Vanmalidass Parbhudass	State Engineer	1-4-1918	31-3-1919	
„ Maganlal Gulabchand	First Class Magistrate	8-3-1919	31-3-1919	
„ Gowindji D. Jadav	Superintendent of Police... ...	1-4-1918	31-3-1919	
„ Popatlal Dayaram	Chief Medical Officer	1-4-1918	31-3-1919	
„ Pranjiwan Rajpal	State Accountant	17-12-18	31-3-1919	
„ Vallamji Kallianji	Revenue Commissioner	17-12-18	31-3-1919	
„ Harilal M. Talati	Head Master & V. S. Supdt. ...	16-10-18	31-3-1919	

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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Act	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
Limitation Act of 1896	Yes		
Court fee Stamp of 1896	Yes		
Stamp Act of 1877	Yes		
Registration Act of 1890	Yes		
Rules re. Shikar without license	Yes		
Hiudu Law	Yes		
Mahomedan Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State	Yes		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance			
Indian Penal Code			
Criminal Act			
Evidence Act			
Contract Act			
Civil Procedure			

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Morvi State, for the year 1919.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions of Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police, for the year 1918-19.

Description of Office.	Number	Pay of grade	Total cost	Punishments			Rewards		Education		Remarks
				Dismissed	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished judicially	By Promotion	By money	Number able to read and write	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
City Fouzdar	1	25	242- 6-6	...	...	...	..	...	1	..	
Head Constable...	1	12	143-15-9	...	...	...	..	...	1	..	
Jamadar	2	$\frac{25\ 19}{1\ 1}$	394- 5-9	...	...	...	1-0-0	...	2	..	
Full Naek	2	$\frac{13}{2}$	279- 4-6	..	1	...	1-0-0	...	2	..	
Hawaldars	3	$\frac{14}{3}$	345- 9-3	...	1	....	1-0-0	...	3	..	
Second Naek	7	$\frac{12\ 11\frac{1}{2}}{6\ 1}$	836-15-5	...	3	...	1-0-0	...	5	..	
Lace Naek	11	$\frac{11\ 10\frac{1}{2}}{10\ 1}$	1,284-15-1	...	8	...	1-0-0	...	9	..	
1st Class Police...	20	10	2,400- 0-0	..	8	...	1-0-0	...	11	..	
2nd Class Police	66	9	6,994- 2-1	...	63	...	1-0-0	...	43	..	
Buigler	1	8	96- 0-0	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	

Band men	...	12	8½ 8 7½ 6½ 9 1 1 8 1 1	1,025- 7-9	...	8	..	..	25-0-0	12	...
Writing Constable ...	...	5	12 10 1 4	624- 0-0	...	1	..	..	...	5	...
Dress etc.	...	...	..	659- 6-0	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Famine allowance ...	...	...	..	4,188-10-4	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Total...		131	....	19,495-2-5	...	93	...	...	25-0-0	94	...

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1918-19.

State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remark.
	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morvi State	135	153	205	228	205	228	181	210	19	15	88·29	92·10	88·29	92·10	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1918 19.

State	Amount stolen		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	2636-5-0	7676-12-6	1390-12-0	3377-5-3	52·7	43·9	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and case awaiting trial in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Description of offences.	Number of Offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year.	Number of person apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	...	...	...	6	5	48	36	...	3	...	33	...	...	36	2	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	7	27	...	...	2	* 43 Committed session Court by the 1st class Magistrate. † 3 Committed session Court by the Adhoi Nyayadhish.
1st Class Magistrate * ...	5	65	70	171	273	398	177	4	75	4	24	70	...	177	156	...	1	40	11	12	11	15	18	...	...	...	...	...	21	
Adhoi Nyayadhish † ...	4	3	7	92	43	86	20	1	1	...	4	14	...	20	63	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
N. Division Nyayadhish ...	1	...	1	150	145	298	130	...	1	...	4	125	...	130	166	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
S. Division Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	118	106	218	18	...	1	...	3	14	...	18	192	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	10	68	78	537	572	1048	381	5	81	4	68	223	...	381	579	...	9	47	16	15	11	16	19	...	7	27	...	...	33	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of Offiences reported and dealt with by the verious Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Names of Courts.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at end of year.	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1918-19					Total								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant	On summons	Voluntary	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate	Past year	Present year	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	12	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	48	...	2	36	...	8	2	
1st Class Magistrate „ ...	280	301	5	147	4	242	...	...	363	398	100	56	177	43	1	21	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „ ...	129	61	3	14	1	53	15	...	152	86	48	15	20	3	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish„ ...	238	201	1	42	4	251	...	...	250	298	153	13	130	...	...	2	
South D. Nyayadhish„ ...	182	180	...	25	32	161	...	...	274	218	181	11	18	...	...	8	
Total...	841	761	11	228	41	707	15	...	1051	1048	482	97	381	46	9	33	

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APPENDIX IX

Statement showing the results of appeals against decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Tribunals.	Number of applications.	Number of persons and cases.																Remarks.
		Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings. quashed		Referred.		Further enquiry etc. ordered.		Pending.		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Sirnyayadhish Court	4	...	...	2	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	5	...	...	2	2	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Tribunals	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during present year.									Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs. 100	Number of Suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 5,000	Exparte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
																									Y. M. D.	
Small Cause Court ...	72	34	333	124	405	158	371	151	34	7	4,780-9-0	...	124	...	113	11	...	...	...	36	74	25	16	5,405-5-3	0-1-3	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	41	39	74	74	115	113	76	47	39	66	46,481-15-9	23	49	2	8	47	8	10	1	9	14	3	21	26,426-1-3	0-5-6	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	4	3	38	32	42	35	39	35	3	...	1,242-13-1	...	32	...	29	3	...	...	...	3	8	3	21	831-6-0	0-3-13	
North D. Nyayadhish ...	...	...	208	129	208	129	208	129	...	...	5,300-4-8½	...	129	...	111	18	...	...	...	21	67	...	41	5,300-4-8½	0-0-15	
South D. Nyayadhish ...	1	2	115	94	116	96	114	87	2	9	4,263-13-9	...	94	...	81	13	...	...	...	7	43	...	37	3,264-3-10	0-1-2	
Total...	118	78	768	453	886	531	808	449	78	82	62069-8-3½	23	428	2	342	92	8	10	1	76	206	31	136	41,227-10-½	0-1-16	

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APPENDIX XI

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Small Cause Court ...	156	108	4142-0-0	433	208	12187-11-9	589	316	16329-11-9	481	312	16018-2-10	108	4	311-8-11	...	1	3	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	105	95	42190-7-9	172	121	32927-4-9	277	216	75117-12-6	182	124	15698-2-10	95	92	59419-9-8	40	35	17	
Adhoi Nyayadhis ...	1	...	...	38	33	951-12-3	39	33	951-12-3	39	33	951-12-3	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhis ...	...	...	...	169	74	2540-4-8	169	74	2540-4-8	169	73	2326-12-8	...	1	213-8-0	1	...	...	
South D. Nayadhish ...	1	...	...	156	46	2440-3-6	57	46	2440-3-6	57	46	2440-3-6	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	263	203	46332-7-9	868	482	51047-4-11	1131	685	97379-12-8	928	588	37435-2-1	203	97	59944-10-7	41	36	20	

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APPENDIX XII

CIVIL WORK—Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during.		How Disposed of.										Average duration.	
													Decision confirmed.		Decision reversed.		Decision amended.		Cases remanded for re-trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Hazoor Court	12	7	6	5	18	12	11	6	7	6	996-2-9	800-4-8	3	4	6	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1-1-8	1-7-2
Sirnyayadhish Court ...	10	8	14	12	24	20	16	4	8	16	2334-11-6	2714-7-6	5	2	1	1	4	...	1	1	5	...	0-9-12	0-3-23
Total...	22	15	20	17	42	32	27	10	15	22	3330-14-3	3514-12-2	8	6	7	2	6	1	1	1	5	...	0-11-6	1-0-23

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Stations.	No. of Prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks. (Showing mortality among convicts in Jails.)
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	47	121	121	168	43·054	39·078	73	6751-1-9	Y. M. D. 0-3-4	
Adhoi Jail	1	...	6	11	6	·03	·02	...	121-1-10	0-0-7	
Derala Jail	1	...	5	8	5	·02	·01	...	4-13-0	0-0-1	
Tankara Jail... ...	1	...	6	12	6	·03	·01	...	41-15-0	0-0-9	
Total ...	4	47	138	152	185	43·062	39·082	73	6918-15-7	0-2-23	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money-bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office ...	299	216	115	97	153	80	8	14	13	23	10	2	299	216	1,83,010-0-9	67:911-8-0	...	...	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „ ...	8	9	7	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	2,362-2-10	1,331-12-0	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish „ ...	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	...	...	3	10	750-0-0	16,66-0-0	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish „ ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	382-1-0	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	313	235	122	102	154	84	8	14	19	33	10	2	313	235	186504-4-7	70,849-4-0	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Description.	Past year.							Present year							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property. Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised. Rs.	a.	p.	Number of deeds.	Value of property. Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised. Rs.	a.	p.	
Mortgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c.	313	1,86,504	4	7	458	2	...	235	70,849	4	...	240	8	...	
Total...	313	1,86,504	4	7	458	2	...	235	70,849	4	...	240	8	...	
Deduct expenditure...	...	...	...	...	335	11	3	...	...	...	...	74	8	...	
Net profit...	...	...	...	...	122	6	9	...	...	...	...	166	...	...	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April	Receipts during the year		Total in current year	Expenditure during the year		Blance on the 31st March	Remarks.
		Past	Present		Past	Present		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Morvi State	.....	246-8-0	257-2-1	.....	6307-6-9	3887-3-2	.....	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

State.	April 1918	May 1918	June 1918	July 1918	August 1918	September 1918	October 1918	November 1918	December 1918	January 1919	February 1919	March 1919	Total.	Total of past year	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	I. C.	
Morvi state	...	...	2·38	...	5·18	0·52	...	...	...	...	...	...	8·8	41·62	15·71	

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Dewan, Morvi State.

APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Articles.	During March 1918 (Per one Rupee.)			During March 1919 (Per one Rupee.)			Remarks.
	Mds.	Seers.	Tolas.	Mds.	Seers.	Tolas.	
Bajri	...	13	...	...	8	...	
Jowar	...	16	...	...	9	...	
Rice	...	12	...	...	7	...	
Wheat...	....	13	...	...	8	...	
Mug	...	15	...	...	$6\frac{1}{4}$	...	
Urad	...	15	...	...	$7\frac{1}{2}$	...	
Gram	...	19	...	...	11	...	

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APPENDIX XIX

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Description of work	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railways ...	1,853-7-3	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Do Do for Tramways ...	1,664-8-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Do for Industry Department	591-9-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Do for General Workshop ...	1,221-13-11	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Constructing Dam across the river...	17,495-9-6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Machhu ...		...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Do Fountain at Nagar Gate ...	1,008-12-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Water Reservoir at Khakhrechi Gate	2,483-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Burwalla Bungalow Zanana rooms ...	4,904-11-2	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Anandpur Bungalow	2,500-6-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Working Motor cars	4,785-13-1	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Establishment charges	15,228-14-3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Korries...	25¼	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Minor works	25,710-14-8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Korries...	180	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Special and ordinary repairs	...	79,037-12-10	...	...	...	...	...
Total Rs...	79,427-9-1	79,037-12-10	1,58,465-5-11	...	...	...	1,58,465-5-11
Korries...	205¼						205¼

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Morvi, 30th April 1919.

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Dewan, Morvi State.

APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

District.	year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes. Male.	Buffaloes. Female.	Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding	Load carrying	
Morvi State ...	1918-19.	17,908	10,420	190	8,030	189	301	79	1,523	97,107	7,270	...	...	4,411	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise Revenue of the Morvi State, during the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue,	
Morvi State	1	5,250	1	1,525	1	501	...	...	3	7,276-0-0	

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Morvi, 30th April 1919.

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Dewan, Morvi State.

APPENDIX XXIII

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Dispensary	Number of patients treated		Result of Indoor patients				Expenditure	Remarks.
	Out-door	In-door	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining		
Morvi State Dispensary ...	12,751	...	...	...	...	...	5000- 0-4	
Asylum „ ...	...	28	18	1	...	9	1677-11-9	
Adhoi „ ...	1,015	...	...	...	...	...	178-12-5	
Tankara „ ...	2,494	...	...	...	...	...	328- 9-0	
Jetpur „ ...	2,553	...	...	...	...	...	555- 2-3	
Wawania „ ...	1,596	...	...	...	...	...	518- 6-2	
Ghantila „ ...	1,993	...	...	...	...	...	444-10-3	
Total...	22,402	28	18	1	...	9	8703- 4-2	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital Statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Name.	Population.	Births		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State.	90,230	2,029	2,245	216	...	1,761	4,306	2,545	...	21·1	23·4	18·3	44·9	

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Dewan, Morvi State.

APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1918-19.

Number of schools.		Description of schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st. March		Daily Average attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High school.	Secondary.	Primary.	
							Rs.	Rs.]	Rs.	
1	1	High school	488	445	376	400	8,223	...	...	
1	1	Middle school	56	30	44	18	...	96	...	
79	34	Primary schools	305	1,385	2,560	1,083	...	...	8,355	
2	2	Girls schools	262	221	183	138	...	...	634	
1	1	Sanskrit Pathshala ...	16	18	11	15	...	215	...	

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur,
G. C. I. E.,
Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of Your Highness' State for the year 1919-20.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Highness' obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 30th November 1920.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

Report of the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1919–20.

Chapter I.

General and Political.

The State of Morvi is situated, as stated in previous Administration Reports, in the northern portion of the Peninsula of Kathiawar, in its Machhukantha Division, having its Adhoi Mahal in the Wagad portion of the Cutch Peninsula. Both are guaranteed in one Parwana by Colonel Alexander Walker, representing the British Government.

2. The Machhukantha land is generally level, hills being rare. The soil is fertile and is favourable to cotton of a superior type. In the Tankara Division the quality of the soil is medium. The climate is temperate and healthy.

3. The State comprises 147 villages, covering an area of 913 square miles, including the Adhoi Mahal, less the area of Janghi, Amberdi, Chandrodi and Laliana Pati which have been transferred to the Cutch State in the Exchange Settlement since 1900.

4. The population of the State, according to the census of 1911, was 90,230 souls.

5. The gross revenue for the year (ended 30th September 1919) was Rs. 7,20,735-3-0.

6. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs. 49,208 as Pesh-Kashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,088 as Zortalbi to Junagadh.

7. The Rulers of Morvi are the descendants of the Senior Branch of the entire Jadeja Rajput Clan, including the Houses of Cutch and Nawanagar.

8. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness' direction. The authority and powers of all the heads of Departments have been defined and each within his own sphere is independent of others. In matters of importance Your Highness is always and at all times accessible for advice and guidance. The success which has attended the administration is in a great

measure due to Your Highness' watchful care and guidance and the tone of efficiency has consequently been maintained at the same level as before.

The War and the Peace Celebrations.

9. In the last year's report, reference was made of the happy termination of the great War in the glorious victory of the British Empire and the Allies and of the humble share of the Morvi State in the service of the Empire. On the announcement of the signing of the Treaty of Peace, there were general rejoicings. The 2nd and 6th July were observed as public holidays, thanks-giving services were held in all places of religious worship, guns were fired, a parade was held and the event was celebrated in a manner befitting the occasion. The celebrations to commemorate the conclusion of the Peace were carried out on a larger scale in December, 1919. The 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th were observed as general public holidays throughout the State. Fairs were held at Morvi and in the Mahals, thanks-giving services were held in principal places of worship where Bhajans were chanted ; there were general illuminations on the 15th and a parade and salute on the 16th — these were the features of the celebrations in which every one took an enthusiastic part.

10. On the outbreak of hostilities with Afghanistan the resources of the State were placed at the disposal of Government.

Children's Welfare Exhibitions.

11. Fully realising the need and benevolent nature of the work undertaken by Her Excellency Lady Chelmsford and Her Excellency Lady Lloyd in the cause of children and their mothers in large cities, Your Highness responded to Their Excellencies call for help by contributing three precious pearls (Rs. 3,000) to Lady Lloyd's pearl necklace and by sending a cheque for Rs. 3,000 to Her Excellency Lady Chelmsford in aid of the Exhibition.

Famine and Famine measures.

12. Allusion was made in last year's report of the shortage of rainfall and consequent famine conditions which prevailed, and which continued during the earlier part of the year under report. I have therein stated how acute the situation was felt, following as the scarcity did close upon the famine of 1915-16, as also on account of the extraordinary and unprecedented rise in prices of foodstuffs owing to the world-wide war. I have also described what personal care and attention was bestowed by Your High-

ness in devising means to mitigate hardship and to afford timely and adequate relief, how provident were the whole agricultural population in having had a storage of grass enough for most of them to pull through the year, and how in addition to the care of their own cattle, they co-operated with the Darbar and the Mahajan and liberally helped to save the cattle of Bharwads and Matwas and of poor people who could not afford to buy grass which had become as dear as grain in normal years. The famine, it is well known, told very heavily on cattle. But as I have said, meetings of cultivators and their headmen, from time to time, personal discussions by Your Highness with them, Your Highness' daily motor tours into the district, inspite of indifferent health, gaining thereby first-hand knowledge of the conditions prevailing- this anxious solicitude and timely succour resulted in the happy sight of the whole agricultural population without exception in their full normal vigour, and of their live-stock in a healthy and robust condition at the end of the year. This is illustrated in the figures given in Appendix XX showing how safely they have emerged through the dire famine, giving cause for gratefulness to Providence and for rejoicing at the success which attended Your Highness' efforts. With Your Highness' permission I beg to give the figures below:—

	Before famine	At the end of 1919-20.
Bullocks.....	17,908	17,187.
Cows	10,420	10,080.
Buffaloes males.....	190	153.
„ females.....	8,030	7,759.
Horses	189	130.
Mares	301	297.
Colts and fillies.....	79	51.
Asses.....	1,523	1,424.
Sheep and goats	97,107	96,587.
Ploughs with 2 bullocks	7,270	7,233.
Load carrying carts.....	4,411	4,423.

13. The decrease in bullocks, cows and buffaloes is 3 to 4 per cent, when in some States the decrease in these has been from 25 to 40 per cent.

14. These are figures which may well give Your Highness satisfaction. They illustrate once more the truth of what the Agent to the Governor only recently remarked in his memorable speech at the investiture of His High-

ness the Nawab Saheb of Junagadh that " you have toured freely in your State and while making yourself familiar with the daily lives of your cultivators, have realised that they are the backbone of the State and that their interests and your own are inseparable ".

15. Ever solicitous for their prosperity, with which, as said above, is bound up the welfare of the State, Your Highness has, from the day— 42 years ago – that Your Highness assumed sole charge of the State, devised and applied means to develop them into a body of robust agriculturists. I will not weary Your Highness but with Your Highness' leave I shall here mention some of the measures which have earned for them their present prosperous condition. As is well known and has been the practice elsewhere, the Bhagvatai system first prevailed in which the State shared the produce in cash and kind. The slow process of collection, the weary waiting, the various cesses, the grip of the Saukar to furnish cash for Vero and numberless other hardships are so well-known that they do not need recital. The years 1881 to 1885 were therefore devoted to the introduction of cash assesment system which left the cultivator complete master of the fruit of his labour. In 1889 permanency of tenure was given to him by the introduction of what is popularly known as the Buta System. Your Highness then undertook two district tours at an interval of three years, visiting every village, seeing for yourself the condition of every cultivator, his dependence on or independence of the Saukar, the extent of land he cultivated, the adequacy or inadequacy of the live-stock for the soil he tilled, the condition of his live-stock, the quality of cultivation, the nature of the soil and the disposition of waste land, if any. In fact, for a number of years Morvi had its Revenue Commissioner in Your Highness' own person, looking into every thing yourself, hearing cultivators face to face and sitting far into the night, listening to them and disposing of their petitions. This enabled cultivation to be fully developed. But one thing remained. The cultivator did not realise the best price for his produce. He was in the country and not knowing the ruling market rates, the city trader and Saukar overreached him in a variety of ways. The trader would enter into contracts long before the season, bargaining at rates which were far lower than normal ones ; he would, at the least fluctuation in the market, go into villages and represent the state or tendency of the market differently from what it actually might be and enter into contracts which left him a large margin of profit, would enforce delivery if the rates ran up, and not take any delivery at all if the market went down, forcing the cultivator to a

court of law, time and expense for which he could not afford, or drive him to a settlement at his own dictation, and the greatest of all evils was that the Saukar would so hold him in his grip that he would sell him dear and buy him cheap, lend him money, charge him frequently 25 per cent Vatav, irrespective of interest, or contract to be paid in kind at a very low rate, force re-payment or threaten legal proceedings and by one means or other buy in his produce at a very low rate. These hardships are duly noted in the report of Sir Holland's Industrial Commission at page 9. Always anxious to see that the cultivators reap the full fruit of their labour, Your Highness has enabled them to realise the best and the highest prevailing price for their produce. All sales now take place at Morvi and by public auction, in the presence of a high State official, and if the cultivator thinks he realises a lower price than the market rate, it is optional with him to sell or not and he is left free to put the same forward at any future sale. Considering over the matter still further, it was found by experience that cash assessment system, however convenient, was not always an equitable one. It pressed heavy especially during years of scarcity and famine and although Your Highness has been generous enough to remit entire revenue in all the famines of 1900, 1911-12 and 1915-16 and has recovered only a share of the actual produce in 1918-19 which amounted to an average of 4 annas only in the rupee-remitting the balance, an equitable and an elastic system engaged Your Highness' mind. As a result, during the year under report, Your Highness has been pleased to order that the cultivator should be the sole master of all cereals-grain and pulse- of his produce, including of course fodder, and that he should only give the State a half share in his cotton, with one condition that he should devote half his culturable land to cotton. And what is more, he has not to trouble himself for this half share in cotton, it is not to be paid in kind or in the cotton season, but the Darbar is to take half the share from the proceeds of sale from the buyer direct when the sale takes place according to the wish and convenience of the cultivator and not before. By this process the cultivator becomes the sole master and owner of foodstuffs and fodder. He can sell his cotton when he likes and when and as it suits him. And then the buyer pays half the price to him and half to the Darbar. If the year is a prosperons one, he and the Darbar share the prosperity alike. If it is a lean year, the adversity is also shared alike. And the same result follows if the market goes high or low. Needless to say that the measure has been welcomed by the agricultural population.

16. The result of all this care for the agricultural population, Your Highness may well feel gratified, has been a contented and a prosperous peasantry and a prosperous State. The State has drawn to itself all the best cultivators from far and near and it is gratifying to find that today the whole agricultural population of over forty thousand people is made up of the Kanbi caste who are so well known for their superior cultivation and industry and most of whom are in a flourishing condition. As an index of their prosperity it may give satisfaction to Your Highness to know that out of about 15 to 20 lacs of Rupees worth of gold purchased by Morvi people during the year under report, a substantial portion has found its way into the house of the cultivator.

17. Another note-worthy feature of the year in the agricultural world here was the establishment of a co-operative Company under the style and name of Khedut Varg United Company in which they banded together and bought and sold their produce in competition with the merchant and the Darbar, their Bank helping them with money and the Darbar helping the merchants also with funds at 9 per cent interest on the security of the goods. It may be mentioned that this Company is entirely separate from the agricultural Bank in which the cultivator deposits every year an anna in the rupee of his produce and which he draws upon whenever he has need to do so. The funds of the Bank now stand at Rs. 4,64,970.

18. It may be mentioned ~~hear~~ here that Your Highness has not forgotten the other subjects of the State. Since after the Administration a great many taxes including Kasba Vero (house tax) and forced labour of every kind had been abolished throughout the State by Your Highness and a few that remained were abolished in the month of February last. And there is now not a single tax on any population in the whole State.

19. Like previous year, wages of labourers and artisans kept unusually high and although prices of foodstuffs and clothing ruled abnormally high, they did not affect these classes to any appreciable extent, as their earnings proportionately improved. But the effect of high prices on monthly salaried people of the middle class, in which adult males are the only earning members, was so great that they required special treatment. To State employes drawing small salaries, was first given grain compensation allowance on a sliding scale rising up to 33 percent of their pay. As prices rose higher, Your Highness was pleased to raise it to 50 percent more

i.-e. to make the allowance half as much again, and as the conditions did not improve, Your Highness was further pleased to double the allowance and employes drawing upto Rs. 75 a month participate in the arrangement. In addition to this the permanent salaries of Railway employes were increased by 25 percent and general promotions were given to State employes last year and again further promotions were subsequently given all round.

20. And lastly, before closing my introductory remarks, there is one feature in the administration to which mention may be made. Whereas in some cases elsewhere, all high salaried officers are foreign importations and the sons of the soil have to shift abroad, the indigenous element has always enjoyed a prior and almost an exclusive claim on the State. Nowhere has the son of the soil greater scope for the full development of his faculties and resources and for aspiration from the lowest to the highest rung of the ladder than in the Morvi State. And it is no small privilege that to young men willing to learn, Your Highness has been giving every opportunity to qualify themselves for superior work and higher position and has been never sparing time and trouble to instruct and prepare them for a higher walk of life.

21. In spite of indifferent health, Your Highness' district tours covered 9,562 miles during the year.

22. These general preliminary remarks bring me to the details of the Administration.

Chapter II.

Revenue Administration.

23. The revenue year commences from 1st October and ends with 30th September, while for the purposes of general statistics the year begins from 1st April and covers the period from 1st April to 31st March.

24. As mentioned in the last year's report the rainfall during the revenue year (St. 1974) was not only deficient, being much less than half the normal fall, but was uneven in distribution, giving rise to famine conditions. The outturn was consequently only a four anna crop. In the famines of 1900, 1911-12 and 1915-16 the Darbar was pleased to remit the whole Vighoti, and, with Your Highness' usual concern for the prosperity of the agricul-

tural population Your Highness was pleased to recover only a share in the actual yield, which came to from one anna to fourteen annas and which amounted on an average to 4 annas of the Vighoti, and instead of carrying over the deficit, it was wholly remitted.

25. The committee of six Patels, referred to in previous reports, continued to represent the cultivators before the Darbar in the discussion of revenue matters affecting their interests.

26. The Ekajuti system introduced for the last few years on the co-operative basis continues to work satisfactorily. It has helped to foster mutual good understanding, vigilance and co-operation among the cultivators, as a result of which it is my pleasing duty to report, that they have all kept up their high level of hard work.

27. In the agricultural Bank, which is maintained under State supervision, the cultivators regularly deposit, by way of investment, an anna in the Rupee, of the Vighoti they pay to the State. The funds thus accummulating serves as a never-failing support to the cultivators in times of scarcity or famine and is an insurance against all unforeseen contingencies. The funds of the Bank stand at Rs. 4,64,970, the same figure as the last year, because owing the year being one of scarcity they could not set apart anything during the year under report.

28. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report without once more urging upon Your Highness' attention the very great necessity of a direct connection with the outlying portion of our territory, viz, the Adhoi Mahal, by means of modern facilities for transport and communication, such as a tramway and telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardship and inconvenience to the public for want of such direct and speedy means of communication are self-evident. To our Adhoi subjects they are intolerable. They feel that they are entirely cut off from the outside world and are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally great. Under normal conditions letters take as many as 4 days to reach Adhoi, by post, although it is barely 50 miles from the head quarters at Morvi. The difficulties to the people and the State can be imagined. A tram connection would bring Adhoi within very easy reach and would be a certain as well as speedy means of communication. It is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may earnestly take up the matter and

endeavour to secure to the Adhoi Mahal the benefits of modern means of communication so that Your Highness' subjects in that Mahal may be relieved of the hardships they are labouring under and may be placed on the same footing as Your Highness' other subjects as regards facilities for commerce, education and general advancement.

29. In this connection, again, I cannot help bringing once more to Your Highness' notice the unfortunate difficulties and serious loss from which our Adhoi Mahal has been suffering owing to the heavy duties levied by the Cutch Darbar on goods in transit through the land route *via* Shikarpur. It is a historical fact that the Mahal has been guaranteed by Colonel Walker, on behalf of the British Government, in the same Parwana along with Your Highness' possessions in Kathiawar. More than once Government have declared that the Mahal should be treated in every respect as if it were situated in Kathiawar and have pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of its rights and possessions. The whole question of duties leviable by Cutch was referred by Government to a Commission with instructions that the year 1819–the year of the Treaty with Cutch—should be considered as the statute of limitation and that any new duties affecting Your Highness' possessions, which might have been levied subsequent to the Treaty, should be abolished and, if increased, should be reduced. On that principle Government were pleased to fix the rates, once for all, on goods passing through the land route *via* Shikarpur. At the same time Government were pleased to declare that that decision was final and that under no pretext whatever would it be allowed to be reopened. These decisions of Government have not been modified by any subsequent decision of Government, On the contrary, they have been affirmed and reaffirmed in subsequent years. Yet, after the Commission of Mr. Kennedy, (on which the previous decisions of Government were binding as acknowledged by itself and as intimated by Government expressly), the Cutch Darbar commenced to levy a duty of 11½ % on goods in transit between Adhoi and Morvi *via* the land route Shikarpur. And although our State memorialised Government in the matter, Government were not pleased to interfere on our behalf. The Cutch State then commenced a levy of so much as 50 percent duty on the export of Adhoi hides *via* Shikarpur and Janghi. We approached Government, but at this time also without success. Your Highness, it can be easily imagined how seriously detrimental to the interests of the Adhoi Mahal, which stands on the same footing as our possessions in Kathiawar, these heavy imposts are. Besides being inconsistent

with our independence and position in the Adhoi Mahal they deprive Adhoi of $\frac{1}{8}$ and even $\frac{1}{2}$ of its produce. A levy of even 5% duty at Viramgam was acknowledged by Government as highly detrimental to trade and Government have been generously pleased to abolish it. We must bow to the decision of Government, but I may be allowed to respectfully urge in all earnestness, once again, that if our ancient and precious heritage of the Adhoi Mahal is to share in the general prosperity of our Kathiawar possessions and to be saved from the drain caused by these heavy duties on goods in transit, the matter requires Your Highness' serious consideration.

Chapter III

Protection.

30. The total force of this State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report, stood at 631. The head of the Department is the Superintendent of Police who is assisted by one Assistant Superintendent and has, besides, under him, one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

31. The force consists of 111 regular police, 28 mounted police and 492 irregular police which includes the Village Police, Arabs, Makranies &c.

32. The total cost of this Department in the year under report was Rs. 72,534 as against 66,666-15-7 during the previous year.

33. The ratio of the total force comes to one man for every 143 men of the entire population.

34. Of the total force again 176 were posted in the town and suburbs of Morvi, while 455 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal.

35. During the year under report 42 were reduced while 10 were newly enlisted. There were 37 vacancies to be filled up, but owing to high prices of wages few recruits were available inspite of the best efforts of the Department.

36. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 173 as against 153 of the previous year, while the number of persons arrested stood at 230 as against 228 of the year preceding. Of these 230 accused persons, 172 were convicted and sentenced, while 33 were either acquitted or discharged.

37. The value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 5,278-0-0 as against 7,676-12-6 of the previous year, while the property recovered was of the value of Rs. 2,395-0-0 as against Rs. 3,377-5-3 worth recovered during the preceding year. The percentage of recovery was 45·8 against 43·9 in the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

38. The Courts established for the administration of Criminal Justice are:—

4 Magistrate Courts (original), of these one at Morvi has the powers of a First Class Magistrate and the remaining three have those of a Second Class Magistrate.

1 The Sir Nyayadhish Court (sessions cases and appeals).

1 The Hazur Court (appeals and revisions).

39. The judicial work done by each of these 6 Courts will appear from Appendicies VII & VIII from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 421 involving 912 persons, as against 572 of the previous year involving 1,048 persons. Of these 912 persons so brought up for trial, 333 were convicted and sentenced, while 394 were discharged without trial, and 134 were acquitted, while 6 were committed to the Sessions and 45 were awaiting trial.

40. The Appellate Court decided 3 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed in 1 case, and modified in 2, while two were pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

There are the following seven Courts of Civil Justice:—

(1) The Hazur Court.
(2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court.
(3) The Diwani Nyayadhish Court.
(4) The Small Cause Court.
(5) The Nyayadhish Court, Adhoi.
(6) The Nyayadhish Court Northern Division.
(7) The Nyayadhish Court Southern Division.

41. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and also exercises powers of Revision and Reference, while the Sir Nyayadhish Court forms the first Appellate Court to which appeals lie against the decisions of the

Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and of the three District Courts. The Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with powers to hear suits without limit as to value, while the three District Courts have limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

42. The year opened with a balance of 82 undecided suits to which must be added 525 suits filed during the year under report, making in all 607. Of these, 468 were disposed of leaving 139 as the closing balance of undecided suits. Of these 525 new suits, 21 referred to immoveables and 495 were money suits, while 9 were miscellaneous claims.

43. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of First Instance was Rs. 46,155-5-11 as against Rs. 62,069-8-3½ in the previous year. Further details are given in Appendix X.

44. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report in the two Appellate Courts was 22 which together with the last year's closing balance of 22 gave the total of 44. Of these 24 were disposed of with the result that in 5 appeals the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed, in 4 amended, reversed in 6, 5 were compromised or otherwise disposed of, while 4 cases were remanded.

45. The year opened with a balance of 97 applications for the execution of decrees which with 369, newly put in during the report year, gave the total of 466. Out of these 242 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving the closing balance of 224 pending disposal.

Extradition.

46. The number of offenders extradited by this State to other States for their regular trial was 22 as against 18 during the previous year, while that of the accused received by this State was 15 as against 4 during the preceding year.

Jails.

47. There is one Central Jail at Morvi and 3 more Sub-Jails at the District head-quarters, viz, Tankara, Derala and Adhoi. The number of prisoners at the close of the last year was 73 which with 127 admitted in the course of the year under report gave the total of 200. Of these 108 were discharged at the expiration of their term of imprisonment thus leaving 92 prisoners in the Jail at the end of year.

48. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 89·01 as against 39·082 of the previous year.

49. The total gross expenditure, exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards, was Rs. 7,738-14-5 as against Rs. 6,918-15-7 of the previous year.

Registration

50. The number of documents presented for Registration during the report year was 268 as against 235 during the previous year. The total declared value of the property affected by the documents so registered amounted to Rs. 1,71,442-8-0 as against Rs. 70,849-4-0 of the previous year. The major portion of these documents, viz, 119 referred to mortgages and 98 to sales, while 33 were money bonds, 7 wills, and 11 related to miscellaneous matters, as stated in Appendix XIV. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 433-8-0

Municipalities

51. There are four Municipalities in the State, viz, at Morvi, Tankara, Wawania and Adhoi. These are maintained at State expense. The most important of all these is at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 5,038-14-9 as against Rs. 3,887-3-2 during the previous year.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution.
Weather and Rainfall.

52. Appendix XVII hereto gives the details of rainfall in the State during the Samvat year 1975 (1918-19 A. D.). The following statement shows the comparative rainfall during the last five years :—

Years	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	1919-20
Inches	8·78	16	41·62	8·8	21·95

53. During the year under report, rainfall, though sufficient in quantity was uneven in distribution. June was very poor with only 1·9 of rain. But July and August were much more bountiful giving 10·97 and 8·38 inches

respectively. The monsoon closed with 1-51- an inch and a half in September, with there was not a drop in October. It will thus be seen that while the fall was abundant in July and August, it was deficient in June and especially in September. For want of rain in the latter part of the moonsoon, the outturn of staple grains and cotton suffered. The appearance of frost in about January caused some damage to cotton and hence the outturn was less than had been anticipated.

54. The figures, given in Appendix XVIII, of prices of food stuffs will however show that though the prices were a great deal higher than those prevailing in normal years — being almost double—, they were a considrable improvement over the stupendous rates of the previous year. People, who had during some months last year to buy Bajri at Rs. 7 and Juwari at Rs. 5 a mound of 40 lbs, were greatly relieved when the ruling prices during the year under report came down to Rs. 3 and 2 respectively.

55. But two items of nourishment — milk and ghee — rose even higher than during the previous year of scarcity. Cows and buffaloes, although they were enabled to pull through the year owing to the generous help of Your Highness, the Mahajans and the cultivators, remained sterile during the year, owing to want of nature's fresh, nourishing food, and the rates of ghee went up to Rs. 70 a mound of 40 lbs and milk to 2 annas a lb when in normal years the ruling prices were Rs. 16 and half an anna respectively.

56. The area under sugarcane plantation during the year under report was 341½ bighas and there were 28 plantations in all.

57. Chasia wheat was sown over 902 Bighas during the report year as against 1038 Bighas of the previous year. Irrigated wheat was grown over 3,430 Bighas as compared to 1,059 Bighas during the preceding year. Cotton was grown over 4,86,011 Bighas against 3,59,596 Bighas of the previous year.

58. There are several plantations in the State mostly of Babul trees which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. Babul trees were planted during the year over 4009 Bighas.

Horticulture.

59. The Darbar maintains a number of gardens at Morvi. There are also several gardens in the District, chiefly at Tankara, Dahisra and Adhoi.

Manufacture and Industries.

60. The local workshops can well be regarded as the best equipped in

Kathiawar. They are provided with an upto date plant and have been turning out Railway materials; also artistic furniture. They serve as a model training school for young boys training them as practical fitters and artisans and they enable them to earn a decent living. The workshops were placed at the disposal of Government for war use and in conjunction with the B. B. & C. I. Railway workshops at Ajmer were engaged in turning out base plates &c for shells for use in the war.

61. All Railway work is done in these workshops including construction of rolling stock. The cast-iron and brass foundries are also doing satisfactory work. There is one dynamo working to supply electric power to the palace and to the offices known as Hill Buildings. There are electric installations at several other State buildings here as well as in the District.

62. The Chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread, and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade.

63. The Morvi Railway and the network of the Tramway lines which connect the district centres with the Capital, as also the cotton press and ginning factories give great stimulus and facility to trade and commerce. Besides, the port of Navlakhi which is provided with steam launches, and which is connected with the capital by a tram line, affords further convenience to merchants carrying on trade with other ports. The two branches of tram lines running north, namely, the one running to Wawania and Navlakhi, 22 and 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station, and the other running to Jetpur (16 miles), and thence to Khakhrechi (Road), the chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles), afford great facilities to traffic and in particular to Malia subjects by connecting that district with Morvi and then, through the Morvi Railway, with the rest of Kathiawar and Gujarat. Naturally therefore these tram lines control the entire Malia traffic.

64. The Navlakhi and Jetpur lines have again the convenience of out-agencies so that goods can be booked through to any part of Indian Railways. These facilities are greatly appreciated by trade.

65. In this connection there is one point which seems to call for elucidation. By the introduction of tariff on the analogy of the British tariff at Kathiawar ports, it becomes necessary to see that foreign goods are not

smuggled into Kathiawar. This has been arranged at the ports where there is always a permanent establishment. But it is not clear what measures have been adopted or proposed to be adopted by Government as well as other frontier States against the entry of foreign goods *by land* into Kathiawar, Gujarat and British India. There are several land routes from Cutch to Kathiawar and Gujarat and the provision of duties on Cutch goods at ports would be nullified by the easy entry of such goods by these several land routes if proper safeguards are not provided.

66. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 21,19,239-6-0 as against 25,07,403-8-0.

67. The total value of exports during the same period was Rs. 22,66,496-14-0 as compared to 70,04,729-14-3 of the previous year.

Public Works.

68. The total expenditure in the year under report on Public works amounted to Rs. 1,62,208-0-4 and koris 211¼ of which Rs. 1,51,513-9-9 and koris 211¼ were spent on original works, while the remaining Rs. 10,694-6-7 were spent on reparis. Wages kept high and labour was not adequate to the requirements of the Public Works Department.

General Conditions.

69. The general health of the people continued to be good. There was no epidemic during the year under report. The birth rate showed a decrease of 843 births over those during the previous year, while the death rate showed a decrease of 2,865 deaths over those of the year preceding.

70. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and to the decrepit amounted to Rs. 3,353-4-0 and private relief given to the needy amounted to Rs. 672-11-3.

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

71. The following table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending

with 30th September 1919, as compared with the respective figures for the previous year.

	Sumwat 1974	Sumwat 1975	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue ...	13,63,475-8-0	7,20,735-3-0	...	6,42,740-5-0
Expenditure.	5,33,822-0-0	7,46,354-0-0	2,12,532-0-0	...

72. This statement shows a decrease of Rs. 6,42,740-5-0 in the revenue receipts for the year, and an increase of Rs. 2,12,532-0-0 in expenditure.

73. The returns from the customs duties amounted to Rs. 98,018-5-3. against Rs. 1,66,094-14-5 of the previous year.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

74. During the year under report 1402 total births were registered as against 2,245 during the preceding year; this shows a decrease of 843 births. Similarly 1,441 was the total number of deaths for the report year as compared to 4,306 for the previous year, showing a decrease of 2,865 deaths. The death rate per mille of the population stood at 15·0 as against 44·9 for the year preceding.

Medical Relief.

75. There were in all eight institutions that administered medical aid to the public, viz, an Asylum and Hospital at the capital and 6 more Dispensaries at the different centres. Besides, one more Hospital Assistant travelled through the Districts where there might be no dispensary within easy reach of the people there. It is gratifying to note that this arrangement has proved to be valuable help to the poor.

76. The total number of patients treated in these eight institutions came up to 22,659 including 74 indoor patients as against 22,430 with 28 indoor patients treated during the previous year; The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 105·3.

77. The total cost of these institutions was Rs. 8,960-2-6 & Koris 627-9.

78. Although there are about nine dispensaries for administering medical relief to the subjects, free of charge, a special measure has been devised for the benefit of the people in the villages, which enjoins upon the village police the duty of reporting to the Chief Medical Officer at the capital, by telephone, the happening of any serious accident or the existence of any serious illness or dangerous cases &c., and the Chief Medical Officer is directed forthwith to arrange for necessary relief to the party concerned by proceeding or sending his assistant to the scene of such accident or illness.

79. Owing to a net-work of district roads and telephone lines all through the length and breadth of the State, early medical relief is rendered available; thanks to the further facility the State motor cars afford in such cases. These have been placed at the disposal of the medical staff, free of charge, to enable Medical Officers to proceed to the spot at once.

80. During the year under report, 80 cases were treated in this manner by the Chief Medical Officer and his immediate subordinates.

Asylum.

81. The Morvi Asylum is a purely charitable institution maintained by the State, where the poor, the sick and the decrepit are both nursed and fed, free of charge. This institution is under the control of the Chief Medical Officer. It consists of several blocks or wards, built a little away from the river bank on a high level and is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major and minor operations. During the year under report 74 patients were treated in this Asylum. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came up to Rs. 1,248 during the year.

Vaccination.

82. The Chief Medical Officer has the direct supervision of this Department and is assisted by his Hospital Assistants who do inspection work in the district.

83. During the report year 1700 children were vaccinated ; of these the inspectors visited 1545 while 761 were visited by the Chief Medical Officer.

84. The total cost of this Department this year amounted to Rs. 992-2-8 as against of Rs. 715 of the last year.

Chapter VII.

Education.

85. The Ba Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the report year attended by 399 students as against 445 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 338 and 400 respectively. The total expenditure was Rs. 6,454. The High School has got a good Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnasium and a Cricket ground.

86. At the last Matriculation Examination 7 students were presented, of whom 5 were successful which gives a percentage of 71 per hundred.

87. There were in all 23 primary schools during the report year. These were attended by 1,003 students with the average attendance of 919. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 5,857 during the year under report.

88. There are two girls' schools in the State. During the report year these were attended by 177 girls with a daily average attendance of 138. The cost came to Rs. 602. During the preceding year the total attendance was 221 with the daily average attendance of 138 and the cost was Rs. 634.

89. There is one Pathshala known as the Ravaji Raj Pathshala where 9 students received education in Sanskrit. The daily attendance at the Pathshala was 7.

90. The six scholarships, two for higher and six for secondary education referred to in the previous year's report, were continued during the year.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

91. The State maintains a Printing Press where the State Gazette is printed and published every month; besides, an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway and also for other State Offices is executed here. The Press is also open to the public.

92. The gross earnings of the Press during the report year were Rs. 9,764-9-3, while the working expenses amounted to Rs. 4,017-2-3; the net profit therefore was Rs. 5,747-7-0 which may be considered satisfactory.

Libraries.

93. The Libraries and the Reading Rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, the seat of all State offices, where works on various branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State, are also received here. There is another library attached to the State Engineer's Office. It has a unique collection of over 2,200 selected works on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12,000.

The State Stud Department.

94. As the Department did not pay, it has been abolished.

Survey

95. Surveys were carried out in 33 villages, measuring 4,802 bighas at a cost of Rs. 607-12-6 giving an average cost of Rs. 0-2-3 par Bigha. The Survey Department also did work in connection with boundary pillars. on interstatal boundaries.

Tramway

96. The total capital outlay on the Tramway System in all the three lines upto now has been Rs. 10,76,269-5-2.

97. For the through-booking of goods out-agencies have been opened at Navlakhi port, Wawania, Jetpur and Tankara and through-booking of passengers also to Bombay is made at the port of Navlakhi.

Chapter IX.

Railway.

98. Mr. S. R. Iyer continued as Manager Morvi Railway during the year. He was also the head of the traffic Department. Mr. M. T. Daftary filled the post of Assistant Manager. Mr. Vanmalidas L. C. E. continued as Resident Engineer. Mr. Govindji D. Jadav was Auditor and Store Keeper during the year under report and Mr. L. S. Mody continued as Loco and the Carriage Superintendent.

99. The gross earnings of the Railway during the report year amounted to Rs. 12,89,149 and the working expenses came up to Rs. 4,84,629 thus leaving Rs. 8,04,520 as the total net profit made by this Railway which gives 14·86 percent on the Capital outlay.

100. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles.

101. Regarding the proposed Halwad-Malia extension, I referred in the last year's report to the appointment of Mr. Edwards to investigate the question and to the inquiry he held in 1918. As a result of his report, the Government of India gave it as their decision that that extension is a more suitable project than the conversion of the Morvi–Jetpur Tramway and its extension to Malia. I cannot help repeating here once more what I have urged elsewhere that the proposed construction of a metre gauge line, being a parallel and competitive line to the Morvi Railway, violates the basic principle of Railway Administration, regulating all cases of competition, that it manifestly invades the settled spheres of influence of the Morvi Railway and the Morvi Tram lines, that there is not enough traffic for another metre gauge line in the same area and that its construction can have no other effect than to set a-foot suicidal competition. It is earnestly hoped that the matter will be reconsidered.

102. While on the subject of Railway, I cannot also help bringing to Your Highness' notice the recent modification of the Government of India orders of 1913, in one respect, regarding the Botad–Jasdan line. By their letter No. 620, I – B of 1913, the Government of India granted sanction to the construction of the Botad–Jasdan line on some express conditions, one of them being that the rates that may be charged on the Branch line shall be maxima rates. On the Bhavnagar Railway approaching the Railway Board for a relaxation of the condition they repeated that they had, after a careful consideration of all the points affecting the question, decided that they could not agree to any relaxation of the rates they had ordered to be introduced. And yet the Railway Board have, recently permitted a relaxation of the rates, it is said, as an experimental measure for a period of three years. We are not aware what new factors induced the Railway Board to modify their previous considered decision but it is only reasonable to expect that the Railways concerned should have been consulted and that there need be some finality to the decisions of the supreme authorities.

General.

103. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the heads of Departments and Officers who have been one and all zealous and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.
BHANJI KANJI.
Dewan, Morvi State.

Dewan Office,
Morvi 30th November 1920.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnel during the year 1919-20.

Names of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Azam Bhanji Kanji...	Dewan	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Tribhowan Fulchand	Sirnyayadhish	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Vallamji Kallianji...	Revenue Commissioner	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Vanmalidas Prabhudas L. C. E.	State Engineer	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Govindji D. Jadav	Commissioner of Police	17- 1-1920	31-3-1920	
„ Maganlal Gulabchand...	First Class Magistrate	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Pratapsing Punjaji	Superintendent of Police	17- 1-1920	31-3-1920	
„ Popatlal Dayaram	Chief Medical Officer	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Girdharlal Sobhagchand	State Accountant	24-11-1919	31-3-1920	
„ Harilal M. Talati B. A.	Head Master & V. S. Supdt. ...	1- 4-1919	31-3-1920	

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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Act	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
Limitation Act	yes		
Court fee stamp of 1896	yes		
Stamp Act of 1877	yes		
Registration Act of 1890	yes		
Rules re. shikar without license	yes		
Hindu Law	yes		
Mahomeden Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State	yes		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance	yes		
Indian Penal Code			
Criminal Procedure			
Evidence Act...			
Contract Act			
Civil Procedure			

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Morvi State, for the year 1919-20.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualities.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	..	..	..	..	...	..	*Nil.*	...	..	...	...	..	...	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the police for the year 1919–1920.

Description of Office.	Number.	Pay of grade.	Total cost.	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
City Fouzdar...	1	28-0-0	215-0-0	..	...	...	3-0-0	...	1	...	
Head Constable	1	12-0-0	140-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Jamadar	2	27-0-0 20-0-0	530-0-0	...	...	...	2-0-0 1-0-0	...	2	...	
Full Naek	3	13-0-0	430-0-0	...	...	..	2-0-0	...	3	...	
Hawaldar	4	14-0-0	751-0-0	..	...	...	3-0-0	...	4	...	
Second Naek...	7	6 1 12 11-8-0	987-0-0	..	2-0-0	...	...	...	7	...	
Lace Nack	13	12 1 11 10-8-0	1,607-0-0	...	3-0-0	...	...	..	13	...	
1st class Police	31	10-0-0	3,615-0-0	...	6-0-0	...	...	...	...	..	
2nd class Police	31	9-0-0	4,308-0-0	...	27-0-0	...	3-0-0	...	...	...	
Biuglar	1	8-0-0	96-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	
Bandmen	12	2 1 3 1 5 8½ 8 7½ 6½ 6	1,059-0-0	...	4-0-0	...	...	...	12	...	

Writing Constables	5	1 4 12 10	550-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	
Dress &c.	..	..	700-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Famine allowance	...	...	5,665-0-0	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	
Total...	111	...	20,753-0-0	...	42-0-0	...	14	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1919-20.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Morvi State ...	153	173	228	230	228	230	210	172	15	33	92·10	74·7	92·10	74·7	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

State.	Amount stolen		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	7,676-0-0	5,218-0-0	3,377-0-0	2,395-0-0	43·9	45·8	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and case awaiting trial in the Morvi State during th year 1919-20.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year.	Number of persons apprehended	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Terms of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sir Nyayadhish Court ...	2	9	11	5	6	11	7	...	4	...	2	1	...	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	
1st Class Magistrate C * ...	21	7	28	273	223	456	131	7	43	7	28	46	...	131	273	...	...	24	13	15	10	3	20	...	...	...	...	...	45	
Adhoi Nyayadhish C ‡ ...	...	3	3	43	35	172	147	...	8	...	1	138	...	147	23	...	...	3	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish C ...	2	184	186	...	111	192	33	...	15	1	...	17	...	33	159	...	...	11	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish C ...	3	...	3	106	46	79	15	...	...	...	3	12	...	15	64	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	28	203	231	427	421	910	333	7	70	8	34	214	...	333	523	...	...	41	18	15	19	3	20	1	...	2	...	...	45†	

* 7 Committed session Court by the first class Magistrate.
‡ 2 Committed session Court by the Adhoi Nyayadhish.

† 9 committed Session court

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of Offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Names of Courts.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number Persons dealt with								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at end of year.	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1919-20					Total.								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sir Nyayadhish Court...	18	9	2	9	...	...	...	...	48	11	...	4	7	...	...	...	
First Class Magistrate-,,-	302	223	21	131	6	298	...	...	398	456	217	59	131	4	...	45	
Adhoi Nyayadhish -,,-	61	44	...	22	1	149	...	...	86	172	21	2	147	2	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish-,,-	201	184	2	32	...	160	...	...	298	194	113	48	33	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish-,,-	180	74	8	20	2	49	...	...	218	79	43	21	15	...	...	...	
Total...	762	534	33	214	9	656	...	...	1048	912	394	134	333	6	...	45	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Number of applications.	Number of persons and cases.																Remarks.
		Applications rejected		Sentences.						Proceedings. quashed.		Referred		Further enquiry etc. ordered		Pending		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court * ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	
Sirnyayadhish Court†	2	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	5	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	

† Two pending at the request of accused

* One application struck out owing to the death of accused

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during present year.									Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs. 100	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Nnmber of Suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 5000	Exparte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
																									Y. M. D.	
Small Cause Court ...	34	7	124	302	158	309	151	234	7	75	9287-5-2	...	302	...	278	24	...	...	...	30	110	23	71	4382-9-11	0-2-7	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	39	66	74	80	113	146	47	97	66	49	32645-0-0	21	50	9	17	48	10	5	...	18	26	4	49	36194-0-0	0-9-8	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	3	...	32	33	35	33	35	33	...	...	861-6-0	...	33	...	31	2	...	...	...	3	13	...	17	821-4-0	0-0-10	
Northern D. Nyayadhish	...	...	129	66	129	66	129	66	...	...	1936 5-9	...	66	...	61	5	...	...	...	9	29	18	10	1936-5-9	0-0-12	
Southern D. Nyayadhish	2	9	94	44	96	53	87	38	9	15	1425-5-0	...	44	...	43	1	...	...	...	4	8	...	26	913-6-0	0-2-15	
Total ...	78	82	453	525	531	607	449	468	82	139	46155-5-11	21	495	9	495	80	10	5	...	64	186	45	173	44247-9-8	0-0-28	

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APPENDIX XI.

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing Balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Small Cause Court ...	108	4	311-8-11	208	210	6239-9-3	316	214	6551-2-2	312	111	3205-2-3	4	103	3345-15-11	93	6	4	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	95	92	59419-9-8	121	105	32927-0-0	216	197	92346-9-8	124	81	26085-0-0	92	116	62261-9-8	56	8	52	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	33	9	105-12-7	33	9	105-12-7	33	9	105-12-7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish	...	1	213-8-0	74	33	642-5-9	74	34	855-13-9	73	34	855-13-9	1	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish	...	...	...	46	12	639-11-6	46	12	639-11-6	46	7	185-9-9	...	5	454-1-9	5	...	...	
Total ...	203	97	59944-10-7	482	369	40554-7-1	685	466	100499-1-8	588	242	30437-6-4	97	224	70061-11-4	154	14	56	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIVIL WORK—Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during		Total.		Disposed of during		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during		How disposed of.										Average duration.	
													Decision confirmed.		Decision amended.		Decision reversed.		Cases remanded for re-trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Hazoor Court ...	7	6	5	4	12	10	6	6	6	4	860-4-8	2,494-9-0	4	1	1	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	1-7-2	1-2-25
Sir Nyayadhish C.	8	16	12	18	20	24	4	18	16	16	2,714-7-6	5928-11-3	2	4	1	2	...	5	1	2	...	5	0-3-23	1-5-23
Total...	15	22	17	22	32	44	10	24	22	20	3,514-12-2	8,423-4-3	6	5	2	4	1	6	1	4	...	5	1-0-29	1-8-18

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners				Daily average.		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks. (Showing mortality among convicts in Jails).
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
										Y. M. D.	
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	73	99	168	172	39·078	89·02	92	7612- 3- 2	0- 1-11	
Adhoi Jail	1	...	18	6	18	·02	·05	...	53-13- 8	0- 0- 1	
Derala Jail	1	...	7	5	7	·01	·02	...	63- 0- 1	0- 0- 1	
Tankara Jail... ...	1	...	3	6	3	·01	·01	...	9-13-10	0- 0- 5	
Total..	4	73	127	185	200	39·082	89·010	92	7738-14- 5	0- 1- 18	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds		Wills.		Money-bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office	216	255	97	118	80	97	14	7	23	33	2	...	216	255	67,911-8-0	1,68,549-0-0	...	...	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „	9	7	5	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	7	1,331-12-0	1341-8-0	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish „	10	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	6	10	6	1,606-0-0	1552-0-0	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	235	268	102	119	84	98	14	7	33	33	2	11	235	268	70849-4-0	171442-8-0	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised Rs.	a.	p.	Number of deeds	Value of property Rs.	a.	p.	Fees realised Rs.	a.	p.	
Mortgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c. ...	235	70,849	4	...	240	8	...	268	1,71,442	8	...	433	8	...	
Total ...	235	70,849	4	...	240	8	...	268	1,71,442	8	...	433	8	...	
Deduct expenditure...	...	...	...	...	74	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Next profit...	...	...	...	...	166	...	...	...	...	...	...	433	8	...	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Name	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year	Expenditure during the year		Balance on the 31st March	Remarks.
		Past	Present		Past	Present		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Morvi State	.....	257-2-1	343-4-0	.....	3887-3-2	5038-14-9	.....	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

State.	April 1919.		May 1919.		June 1919.		July 1919.		August 1919.		September 1919.		October 1919.		November 1919.		December 1919.		January 1920.		February 1920.		March 1920.		Total.		Total of past year	Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.		I.	C.	
Morvi State	...	...	..	..	1	9	10	97	8	38	1	51	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	21	95	15 . 71	15	34	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20

Articles.	During March 1919 (Past year).			During March 1920 (Present year.).			Remarks.
	Mds.	Srs.	Tolas.	Mds.	Srs.	Tolas.	
Juwar	...	9	...	...	20	...	
Bajri	...	8	...	...	13	...	
Wheat	...	8	...	...	12½	...	
Rice...	...	7	...	...	10	...	
Mug...	...	6¼	...	...	8	...	
Urad	...	7½	...	...	8	...	
Gram	...	11	...	...	11	...	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railway	5,326-14-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. „ „ Tramway... ...	1,024- 2-0	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. „ Garaje Department ...	3,407- 7-5	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. „ General Workshop ...	650- 8-4	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. „ Telephone Department ...	687- 2-0	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Constructing Dam across the River Macchu	17,504-15-9	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Ashram work	9,470- 5-6	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Burwala bungalow Zenana rooms ...	2,362- 8-7	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Anandpur bungalow	1,046-15-8	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Compound wall and water reservoir in Nazarbag	1,207- 5-0	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Nazarbag Temple...	766- 6-9	...	...	...	...	...	...

12. Water reservoir at Khakhrechi Gate ...	1,712-11-11	...	...	...	...	...	...	
13. Compound wall at new Garden	3,236- 4- 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14. ,, Gin and Press Factory... ...	1,149- 4- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15. District Roads	79,945- 1-10	...	...	...	...	...	...	
16. Establishment charges	7,572-12- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	
—„— Kories...	46½	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17. Stores in suspense	1,857-14- 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18. Minor works	12,584-15- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
—„— Kories...	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19. Special and ordinary repairs	...	10,694-6-7	...	...	...	...	...	
Total... Rs...	1,51,513-9-9	10,694-6-7	162208-0-4	...	...	...	1,62,208-0-4	
Kories...	211¼	...	211¼	...	...	...	211¼	

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.	
				Males.	Female.										
Morvi State	1919-20	17,187	10,080	153	7,759	131	297	51	1,424	96,587	7,233	...	...	4,423	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue of the Morvi State, during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Morvi State ...	1	5,250	1	1,805	1	752	...	...	3	7,807	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Result of Indoor patients.				Expenditure.	Remarks.
	Out-door	Indoor	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining		
Morvi State Dispensary ...	14,157	...	...	...	...	...	5,733-10-2	
Asylum „ ...	...	74	72	...	2	7	1,248-0-6½	
Adhoi „ ...	1,961	...	...	...	...	...	182-10-0 627-9 Kories	
Tankara „ ...	1,204	...	...	...	...	...	466-6-5	
Jetpur „ ...	2,133	...	...	...	...	...	399-14-2	
Wawania „ ...	1,852	...	...	...	...	...	390-15-2	
Ghantila „ ...	1,352	...	...	...	...	...	538-10-1	
Total...	22,659	74	72	...	2	7	8,960-2-6½ 627-9 Kories	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital Statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Name	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State	95757	2245	1402	0	843	4306	1441	0	2865	23·4	14·6	44·0	15·0	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1919-20.

Number of Schools.		Description of schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March		Daily Average attendance.		Expenditure.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High school.	Secondary.	Primary.	
							Rs	Rs	Rs	
1	1	High School	445	399	400	338	6,454	...	...	
1	1	Middle School	30	...	18	...	...	...	...	
34	23	Primary Schools	1385	1,003	1,083	919	...	...	5,857	
2	2	Girls Schools	221	177	138	138	...	...	602	
1	1	Sanskrit Pathshala ...	18	9	15	7	...	240	...	

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To,

His Highness Sir WAGHJI Bahadur, G. C. I. E.,

Maharaja Thakore Saheb of MORVI.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

Pursuant to Your Highness' directions, I have the honour to submit the accompanying Report of the Administration of the State for the year 1920-21.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Highness' obedient servant.

Dewan's Office,
Morvi, 10th December 1921.

BHANJI KANJI,

Dewan, Morvi State.

Report on the Administration of the Morvi State for the year 1920-21.

Chapter I.

General and Political.

The State of Morvi is situated, as stated in previous Administration Reports, in the northern portion of the Peninsula of Kathiawar, in its Machhukantha Division having its Adhoi Mahal in the Wagad portion of the Cutch Peninsula. Both are guaranteed in one Parwana by Colonel Alexander Walker, representing the British Government.

2. The Machhukantha land is generally level, hills being rare. The soil is fertile and is favourable to cotton of a superior type. In the Tankara division the quality of the soil is medium. The climate is temperate and healthy.

3. The State comprises 147 villages, covering an area of 913 square miles, including the Adhoi Mahal, less the area of Janghi, Amberdi, Chandrodi and Laliana Paty which have been transferred to the Cutch State in the Exchange Settlement, since 1900.

4. The population of the State, according to the census taken in March 1921, was 91,355 souls. Including the Adhoi Mahal it was 96,697.

5. The gross revenue for the year (ended 30th September 1920) was Rs. 15,24,526-12-9.

6. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,263 to the British Government, Rs. 49,208 as Pesh-Kashi to Baroda and Rs. 3,088 as Zortalbi to Junagadh.

7. The Rulers of Morvi are the descendants of the Senior Branch of the entire Jadeja Rajput Clan, including the Houses of Cutch and Nawanagar.

8. Your Highness is the supreme and final authority in the State. The general administration is conducted under Your Highness' direction. The authority and powers of all the heads of Departments have been defined and each within his own sphere is independent of others. In matters of importance Your Highness is always accessible for advice and guidance. The success which has attended the administration is in a great measure due to

Your Highness' watchful care, easy accessibility, and application to the affairs of the State.

9. During the year under report Your Highness' health continued to be indifferent. In the month of April Your Highness went to Bombay for a change and with a brief interval stayed there during the summer. While in Bombay, with a view to encourage Indian Banking Enterprise, Your Highness was pleased to extend Your patronage to the then Banking Institution known as the National Financing and Commission Corporation Limited which has since assumed the name of the Bank of Morvi Limited. It is to be hoped that by a judicious and intelligent handling of the finances, the management will justify Your Highness' patronage and make the Bank a real boon to the public.

The Census.

10. The sixth decennial Census of the Morvi State was taken in the month of March 1921. It was carried out under the superintendence of the Hazur Secretary who was cordially assisted in his work by all the departments of the State. The total population registered, irrespective of the Adhoi Mahal, was 91,355 souls, as against 90,230 in 1911. Including the Adhoi Mahal, the population was 96,697. The results of the recent Census are analysed in a statement issued by Mr. L. J. Sedgwick, the Provincial Superintendent of Census. They show that the population of the Bombay Presidency has declined since the taking of the last Census by a third of a million. Mr. Sedgwick in his statement says:— " The fall in Sind is remarkable.....The main cause is no doubt influenza.....But the bad season plays its part.....Cutch, which forms a connecting link between Sind and Gujarat, shows a fall.....Nawanagar and Dhrol show slight falls. But Radhanpur, Dhrangadhra, Morvi and Wankaner have all increased.....In Gujarat there are four seperate and well-defined areas of decrease (1).....the tracts to the south through Bhavnagar, Palitana and Jafrabad.....&c. " Considering a general decline in the Presidency, the results of the recent Census of the State, which show an increase, will be considered satisfactory, more particularly when we take into account (1) The famine years of 1911-12, 1915-16, 1917-18-three famines in the short space of ten years-and (2) the havoc which the epidemic of influenza played all over the continent in the year 1918-19. It will be gratifying to your Highness to know that the recent Census has once more illustrated Your Highness' solicitude for the prosperity of the

agricultural population, to which reference was made in the last year's report. I therein stated that as a result of Your Highness' personal care the whole body was prosperous and happy, and that through all the famine years, owing to ameliorative measures (which partook of entire remission of assessment) adopted, they had emerged quite safe. This is exemplified in the results of the recent Census which show an increase in the agricultural population inspite of three famines, in the course of ten years, and notwithstanding the ravages of influenza epidemic.

11. In the year under report Kathiawar was overtaken by a storm of unprecedented duration and severity. The storm commenced about the 10th June and continued, in all its fury for three days, till it abated on the 13th. In its wild career it inflicted heavy damage, uprooting trees, pulling down some mud houses and blowing off tiles of many houses. It was fortunate that there was no loss of life. Railway communication was closed all over Kathiawar. Communication on the Morvi Railway suffered only a few hours detention, thanks to the care and caution of the Traffic Department. Colonel R. S. Pottinger, Political Agent for Cutch and for Morvi in Adhoi and Mrs. Pottinger were our guests at Morvi during the storm. They were proceeding to Bhuj from Poona. It was a lucky thing they had not started from Morvi on the journey to Bhuj, for heaven knows where they would have been stranded on the way. Return or progress would have been impossible. They were hospitably treated throghout their stay at Morvi, and as they were anxious to reach Bhuj, as soon as they could, hundreds of men were employed on a slight abatement of the storm, to clear the whole way from Morvi to Navlakhi and Colonel and Mrs. Pottinger, as also Kumar Shri Madhavsinhji Saheb, heir apparent Cutch State, who had just arrived, were enabled to leave on the 14th. Your Highness was at this time in Bombay, and we missed Your Highness' absence much, but I need not say that everything possible was done for the comfort and convenience of both Colonel and Mrs. Pottinger during their stay at Morvi and they were pleased with all that was done.

12. Before proceeding with the details of the administration, it is my mournful duty to record our sense of the sad loss wo sustained in the death of Mr. Govindji Dadabhai Jadav, Commissioner of Police and Auditor and Accountant Morvi Railway. Mr. Govindji came from a humble family and in education had passed his matriculation. But he was another illustration of what height a man can reach, without distinction of class or creed, in Your

Highness' State, by sheer force of merit, and how unsparing Your Highness has been, in time and trouble in instructing, preparing and fitting willing workers to a higher walk of life. When we look back upon Mr. Govindji's career since first he joined the State forty five years ago as an English clerk, we find it constitutes a record of achievment for which both Your Highness and Mr. Govindji might well be proud. His was a man of many-sided activities and he filled many responsible posts with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of Your Highness. He rose to be the Sessions Judge and Judge of the Appellate Court. No Judge was more up right and more conscientious and as a last tribute to his judicial impartiality he was appointed Special Judge at the request of the mercantile community to arbitrate between disputants during the cotton and guinea speculation crisis of St. 1974. Mr. Govindji twice filled the responsible post of Railway Manager for long periods. In every capacity his work was conscientious and thorough. But the work for which he will be long remembered will be his work as the head of the Police Department. He was essentially a man of restless energy and indomitable courage. He was a friend of the law-abiding and a terror to those who had scant respect for law. And it is no exaggeration to say that if the Morvi State enjoys exceptional immunity from crime, the credit, next to Your Highness, must be given to Mr. Govindji. Above all his loyalty and devotion to Your Highness' person and gadi were unsurpassed. It is the loss of such a person as this that we have to grieve. He leaves a gap in the armoury of Your Highness which it will be difficult to fill. Your Highness did all you could for his medical treatment, called the Agency Surgeon, but what can avail all human effort, when the lease of life had expired.

13. With these preliminary remarks I beg to proceed with the details of the administration.

Chapter II.

Revenue Administration.

14. The revenue year commences from 1st October and ends with 30th September, while for the purposes of general statistics the year begins from 1st April and covers the period from 1st April to 31st March.

15. As mentioned in last year's report, the rainfall during the revenue year (St. 1975) though sufficient in quantity, was uneven in distribution. June was very poor with only 1-9 inch of rain. But July and August were more bountiful, with 10-97 and 8-38 inches respectively. September gave only 1-5 inch and October was entirely dry. Thus, for want of rain in the latter part of the monsoon the outturn of staple grains and cotton suffered. The appearance of frost in January caused some damage to cotton and hence the outturn was less than had been anticipated.

16. Appendix XX giving figures of agricultural stock shows an improvement in the number of bullocks, ploughs and carts.

17. The committee of six Patels, referred to in previous reports, continued to represent the cultivators before the Darbar in the discussion of revenue matters affecting their interests.

18. The Ekajuti system introduced for the last few years on the co-operative basis continues to work satisfactorily. It has helped to foster mutual good understanding, vigilance and co-operation among the cultivators as a result of which it is my pleasing duty to report that they have all kept up their high level of hard work.

19. In the agricultural Bank, which is maintained under State supervision, the cultivators regularly deposit, by way of investment, an anna in the Rupee, of the portion they pay to the State. The funds thus accummulating serve as a never-failing support to the cultivators in times of scarcity or famine and are an insurance against all unforeseen contingencies. The funds of the Bank stand at Rs. 5,72,584-7-7

20. I cannot conclude my observations on this part of my report without once more urging upon Your Highness' attention the very great necessity of a direct connection with the outlying portion of our territory, viz, the Adhoi Mahal, by means of modern facilities for transport and communication, such as a tramway and telephone line, the benefits of which are being already enjoyed by the rest of the State. The immense hardship and inconvenience to the public for want of such direct and speedy means of communication are self-evident. To our Adhoi subjects they are intolerable. They feel that they are entirely cut off from the outside world and are, so to say, deprived of half the fruits of their labour. The administrative difficulties are also equally great. Under normal conditions letters take as many as 4 days to reach Adhoi, by post, although it is barely 50 miles from the head quarters

at Morvi. The difficulties to the people and the State can be imagined. A tram connection would bring Adhoi within very easy reach and would be a certain as well as a speedy means of communication. It is therefore absolutely necessary that Your Highness may earnestly take up the matter and endeavour to secure to the Adhoi Mahal the benefits of modern means of communication so that Your Highness' subjects in that Mahal may be relieved of the hardships they are labouring under and may be placed on the same footing as Your Highness' other subjects as regards facilities for commerce, education and general advancement.

21. In this connection, again, I cannot help bringing once more to Your Highness' notice the unfortunate difficulties and serious loss from which our Adhoi Mahal has been suffering owing to the heavy duties levied by the Cutch Darbar on goods in transit through the land route *via* Shikarpur. It is a historical fact that the Mahal has been guaranteed by Colonel Walker, on behalf of the British Government, in the same Parwana along with Your Highness' possessions in Kathiawar. More than once Government have declared that the Mahal should be treated in every respect as if it were situated in Kathiawar and have pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of its rights and possessions. The whole question of duties leviable by Cutch was referred by Government to a Commission with instructions that the year 1819-the year of the Treaty with Cutch—should be considered as the statute of limitation and that any new duties affecting Your Highness' possessions, which might have been levied subsequent to the Treaty, should be abolished and, if increased, should be reduced. On that principle Government were pleased to fix the rates, once for all, on goods passing through the land route *via* Shikarpur. At the same time Government were pleased to declare that that decision was final and that under no pretext whatever would it be allowed to be reopened. These decisions of Government have not been modified by any subsequent decision of Government. On the contrary, they have been affirmed and reaffirmed in subsequent years. Yet, after the Commission of Mr. Kennedy, (on which the previous decisions of Government were binding as acknowledged by itself, and as intimated by Government expressly), the Cutch Darbar commenced to levy a duty of 11½% on goods in transit between Adhoi and Morvi *via* the land route Shikarpur. And although our State memorialised Government in the matter, Government were not pleased to interfere on our behalf. The Cutch State then commenced a levy of so much as 50 percent duty on the export of Adhoi hides *via* Shikarpur and

Janghi. We approached Government, but at this time also without success. Your Highness, it can be easily imagined how seriously detrimental to the interests of the Adhoi Mahal, which stands on the same footing as our possessions in Kathiawar, these heavy imposts are. Besides being inconsistent with our independence and position in the Adhoi Mahal they deprive Adhoi of ¼ and even ½ of its produce. A levy of even 5% duty at Viramgam was acknowledged by Government as highly detrimental to trade and Government have been generously pleased to abolish it. We must bow to the decision of Government, but I may be allowed to respectfully urge in all earnestness, once again, that if our ancient and precious heritage of the Adhoi Mahal is to share in the general prosperity of our Kathiawar possessions and to be saved from the drain caused by these heavy duties on goods in transit, the matter requires Your Highness' serious consideration.

Chapter III.

Protection.

22. The total force of the State under the control of the Police Department during the year under report, stood at 539. The head of the Department is the Superintendent of Police who is assistsd by two inspectors and has, besides, under him, one City Fouzdar, Divisional Thandars and other officers of inferior grade.

23. The Police Department sustained a heavy loss by the sad death of its head, Mr. Govindji Dadabhai Jadav. Mr. Pratapsinhji P. Jadeja was confirmed as Superintendent of Police.

24. The force consists of 108 regular police, 8 mounted police and 423 irregular police which include the Village Police, Arabs, Makranies &c.

25. The total cost of this Department in the year under report was Rs. 86264-1-7 as against Rs, 72,534 during the previous year.

26. The ratio of the total force comes to one man for every 179 men of the entire population.

27. Of the total force again 152 were posted in the town and suburbs of Morvi, while 387 were distributed over the four Divisions and the Adhoi Mahal.

28. During the year under report 44 were reduced while 24 were newly enlisted. There were 42 vacancies to be filled up, but owing to high prices of

wages, few recruits were available inspite of the best efforts of the Department.

29. The number of cognizable offences reported during the year was 163 as against 173 of the previous year, while the number of persons arrested stood at 265 as against 230 of the year preceding. Of these 265 accused persons, 223 were convicted and sentenced, while 34 were either acquitted or discharged.

30. The value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year under report was Rs. 1,626-0-0 as against 5,278-0-0 the previous year, while the property recovered was of the value of Rs. 773-0-0 as against Rs. 2,395-0-0 worth recovered during the preceding year. The percentage of recovery was 47·5 against 45·8 in the previous year.

Criminal Justice.

31. The Courts for the administration of Criminal Justice are:—

2 Magistrate Courts. Of these one at Morvi has the powers of a First Class Magistrate and the other at Adhoi, those of a Second Class Magistrate.

Note.—The Nyayadhish Courts, Northern and Southern Divisions, have been amalgamated with the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

1 The Sir Nyayadhish Court (sessions cases and appeals).

1 The Hazur Court (appeals and revisions).

32. The judicial work done by each of these Courts will appear from Appendices VII and VIII from which it will be seen that the number of cases brought up for trial was 368 involving 668 persons, as against 421 of the previous year involving 912 persons. Of these 668 persons so brought up for trial, 271 were convicted and sentenced, while 333 were discharged without trial, and 38 were acquitted, while 4 were committed to the Sessions and 22 were awaiting trial.

33. The Appellate Court decided 2 appeals with the result that the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed; none was pending at the end of the year.

Civil Justice.

34. There are the following five Courts of Civil Justice:—

(1) The Hazur Court.

(2) The Sir Nyayadhish Court.

(3) The Diwani Nyayadhish Court.

(4) The Small Cause Court.

(5) The Nyayadhish Court, Adhoi

35. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and also exercises powers of Revision and Reference, while the Sir Nyayadhish Court forms the first Appellate Court to which appeals lie against the decisions of the Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi and the Nyayadhish Court at Adhoi. The Diwani Nyayadhish Court at Morvi is invested with powers to hear suits without limit as to value, while the Nyayadhish Court at Adhoi has limited powers, suits of higher value going to the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi.

36. The year opened with a balance of 139 undecided suits to which must be added 747 suits filed during the year under report, making in all 886. Of these, 562 were disposed of leaving 324 as the closing balance of undecided suits. Of these 747 new suits, 38 referred to immoveables and 700 were money suits, while 9 were miscellaneous claims.

37. The total value of the suits so filed in the Courts of First Instance was Rs. 92,794-0-0 as against Rs. 46,155-5-11 in the previous year. Further details are given in Appendix X.

38. The number of appeals preferred during the year under report in the two Appellate Courts was 29 which together with the last year's closing balance of 17 gave the total of 46. Of these 28 were disposed of with the result that in 11 appeals the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed, in 6 amended, reversed in 6, 2 were compromised or otherwise disposed of, while 2 cases were remanded.

39. The year opened with a balance of 224 applications for the execution of decrees which with 610 newly put in during the report year, gave the total of 829. Out of these 489 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving the closing balance of 340 pending disposal.

Extradition.

40. The number of offenders extradited by this State to other States for their regular trial was 8 as against 22 during the previous year, while that of the accused received by this State was 13 as against 15 during the preceding year.

Jails.

41. There is one Central Jail at Morvi and one Sub-Jail at Adhoi. The number of prisoners at the close of the last year was 92 which with 106 admitted in the course of the year under report gave the total of 198. Of these 124 were discharged at the expiration of their term of imprisonment thus leaving 74 prisoners in the Jail at the end of the year. On account of the amalgamation of the Nyayadhish Courts at Tankara and Derala, with the Nyayadhish Court at Morvi, the Sub-Jails at Tankara and Derala, since then, ceased to exist.

42. The daily average of the prisoners in Jail was 84·10 as against 89·01 of the previous year.

43. The total gross expenditure, exclusive of charges on account of Jail guards, was Rs. 5,813-13-1 as against Rs. 7,738-14-5 of the previous year.

Registration.

44. The number of documents presented for Registration during the report year was 293 as against 268 during the previous year. The total declared value of the property affected by the documents so registered amounted to Rs. 1,83,740-12-0 as against Rs. 1,71,442-8-0 of the previous year. The major portion of these documents, viz, 146, referred to mortgages and 106 to sales, while 14 were money bonds, 12 wills, and 15 related to miscellaneous matters, as stated in Appendix XIV. The fees realised amounted to Rs. 476-0-0.

Municipalities.

45. There are four Municipalities in the State, viz, at Morvi, Tankara, Wawania and Adhoi. These are maintained at State expense. The most important of all these is at the capital. The total cost to the State amounted to Rs. 5,898-10-5 as against Rs. 5,038-14-9 during the previous year.

Chapter IV.

Production and Distribution.

Weather and Rainfall.

46. Appendix XVII hereto gives the details of rainfall in the State during the year under report. The following statement shows the compa-

rative rainfall during the last five years:—

Years.	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	1919-20	1920-21
Inches	16	41-62	8-8	21-95	16-96

47. During the report year, the rainfall registered was close upon 17 inches, which, though less than the preceding year, would have been, if it were evenly distributed, just sufficient for the crops. But it was not so. Commencing with a small shower as early as May, June, July and August gave 3·28, 8·38 and 5·18 respectively which may be considered good. But there was no rain at all during September and October which was so essential to cotton and Pachhtar crops. The result was that cotton yielded only a ten anna crop, the yield of Mug and Urad was practically nil and gram and wheat– the principal rabi crops– brought in a comparitively poor harvest. The cyclone of June though it did considerable damage to trees and houses did not affect injuriously the crop prospects of the year.

48. The figures, given in Appendix XVIII, of prices of food stuffs are almost the same that prevailed during the preceding year. They however show that though the prices were a considerable improvement over the stupendous rates of the year, before the last, they were a great deal higher than those prevailing in normal years. Ghee and milk showed a marked fall in price, the former at about Rs. 35 a maund and the latter from anna one to 1½ a lb were however almost twice as dear as in a normal year.

49. The area under sugarcane plantation during the year under report was 92½ bighas and there were 40 plantations in all.

50. Chasia wheat was sown over 754 Bighas during the report year as against 902 Bighas of the previous year. Irrigated wheat was grown over 3931 Bighas as compared to 3,430 Bighas during the preceding year. Cotton was grown over 4,60,585 Bighas against 4,86,011 Bighas of the previous year.

51. There are several plantations in the State mostly of Babul trees which are planted as well as grow spontaneously. Babul trees were planted during the year over 1929 Bighas.

52. Appendix XX gives the particulars of the agricultural stock which will be considered satisfactory.

Horticulture.

53. The Darbar maintains a number of gardens at Morvi. There are also gardens in the District, chiefly at Tankara, Dahisra and Adhoi.

Manufacture and Industries.

54. The local workshops can well be regarded as the best equipped in Kathiawar. They are provided with an upto date plant and have been turning out Railway materials; also artistic furniture. They serve as a model training school for young boys preparing them as practical fitters and artisans and they enable them to earn a decent living.

55. All Railway work is done in these workshops including construction of rolling stock. The cast-iron and brass foundries are also doing satisfactory work. There is one dynamo working to supply electric power to the palace and to the offices known as Hill Buildings. There are electric installations at several other State buildings here as well as in the District.

56. There were four ginning factories and one press in the State during the year under report.

57. The Chief articles of industry and manufacture are cotton fabrics, metal utensils, ivory works, fine gold thread, and gold, silver and jewelled ornaments.

Trade.

58. The Morvi Railway and the network of the Tramway lines which connect the district centres with the Capital, as also the cotton press and ginning factories give great stimulus and facility to trade and commerce. Besides, the port of Navlakhi which is provided with steam launches, and which is connected with the capital by a tram line, affords further convenience to merchants carrying on trade with other ports. The two branches of tram lines running north, namely, the one running to Wawania and Navlakhi, 22 and 32 miles respectively from the Morvi Station, and the other running to Jetpur (16 miles), and thence to Khakhrechi (Road), the chief centre of Malia traffic (21 miles), afford great facilities to traffic and in particular to Malia subjects by connecting that district with Morvi and then, through the Morvi Railway, with the rest of Kathiawar and Gujarat.

59. The Navlakhi and Jetpur lines have again the convenience of out agencies so that goods can be booked through to any part of Indian Railways. These facilities are greatly appreciated by trade.

60. In this connection there is one point which seems to call for elucidation. By the introduction of tariff on the analogy of the British tariff at Kathiawar ports, it becomes necessary to see that foreign goods are not smuggled into Kathiawar. This has been arranged at the ports where there is always a permanent establishment. But it is not clear what measures have been adopted or proposed to be adopted by Government as well as other frontier States against the entry of foreign goods *by land* into Kathiawar, Gujarat and British India. There are several land routes from Cutch to Kathiawar and Gujarat and the provision of duties on Cutch goods at ports would be nullified by the easy entry of such goods by these several land routes if proper safeguards are not provided.

61. The total value of imports during the revenue year was Rs. 23,82,288 6-3 as against Rs. 21,19,239-6-0 of the last year.

62. The total value of exports during the same period was Rs. 20,28,416 as compared to 22,66,496-14-0 of the previous year.

Public Works.

63. Tho total expenditure in the year under report on Public works amounted to Rs. 1,38,690-8-3 and koris 165 of which Rs. 1,25,214-2-2 and koris 165 were spent on original works, while the remaining Rs. 13,476-6-1 were spent on repairs. Wages kept high and labour was not adequate to the requirements of the Public Works Department.

General Conditions.

64. The general health of the people continued to be good. There was no epidemic during the year under report. The birth rate showed an increase of 844 births over those during the previous year, while the death rate showed an increase of 490 deaths over those of the year preceding.

65. During the year under report the cost of relief given to orphans and to the decrepit amounted to Rs. 4,125 and private relief given to the needy amounted to Rs. 972.

Chapter V.

Financial Review.

66. The following table gives a comparative statement of the gross revenue receipts as well as of the expenditure during the revenue year ending

with 30th September 1920, as compared with the respective figures for the previous year.

	Sumwat 1975	Sumwat 1976	Increase.	Decrease.
Revenue ...	7,20,735-3-0	15,24,526-12-9	8,03,791-9-9	...
Expenditure	7,46,354-0-0	5,54,700-10-5	...	1,91,833-5-7

67. This statement shows an increase of Rs. 8,03,791-9-9 in the revenue receipts for the year, and a decrease of Rs. 1,91,833-5-7 in expenditure.

68. The returns from the customs duties amounted to Rs. 1,17,883-12-9 against Rs. 98,015-5-0 of the previous year.

Chapter VI.

Vital Statistics.

69. During the year under report 2,246 total births were registered as against 1,402 during the preceding year; this shows an increase of 844 births. Similarly 1,931 was the total number of deaths for the report year as compared to 1,441 for the previous year, showing an increase of 490 deaths. The death rate per mille of the population stood at 19·9 as against 15 for the year preceding.

Medical Relief.

70. There were in all eight institutions that administered medical aid to the public, viz, an Asylum and Hospital at the capital and 6 more Dispensaries at the different centres.

71. The total number of patients treated in these eight institutions came up to 23,797 including 25 indoor patients as against 22,659 with 74 indoor patients treated during the previous year. The daily average attendance at the Morvi Hospital worked at 106·2.

72. The total cost of these intitutions was Rs. 10,128-10-0 & Koris 673½.

73. Although there are eight dispensaries for administering medical relief to the subjects, free of charge, a special measure has been devised for the benefit of the people in the villages, which enjoins upon the village police the duty of reporting to the Chief Medical Officer at the capital,

by telephone, the happening of any serious accident or the existence of any serious illness or dangerous cases &c., and the Chief Medical Officer is directed forthwith to arrange for necessary relief to the party concerned by proceeding in person or sending one of his assistants to the scene of such accident or illness.

74. Owing to a net-work of district roads and telephone lines all through the length and breadth of the State, early medical relief is rendered available; thanks to the further facility the State motor cars afford in such cases. These have been placed at the disposal of the medical staff, free of charge, to enable Medical Officers to proceed to the spot at once.

75. During the year under report, 90 cases were treated in this manner by the Chief Medical Officer and his immediate subordinates.

Asylum.

76. The Morvi Asylum is a purely charitable institution maintained by the State, where the poor, the sick and the decrepit are both nursed and fed, free of charge. This institution is under the control of the Chief Medical Officer. It consists of several blocks or wards, built a little away from the river bank on a high level and is equipped with the necessary apparatus to conduct major and minor operations. During the year under report 25 patients were treated in this Asylum. The cost of the maintenance of this institution came to Rs. 1,184 during the year.

Vaccination.

77. The Chief Medical Officer has the direct supervision of this Department and is assisted by his Assistants who do inspection work in the district.

78. During the report year 1,781 children were vaccinated; of these the inspectors visited 1,700 while 925 were visited by the Chief Medical Officer.

79. The total cost of this Department this year amounted to Rs. 1,098-9-0 as against Rs. 992-2-8 of the last year.

Chapter VII.

Education.

80. The Ba Shree Vakhtuba Charitable High School was during the report year attended by 361 students as against 399 during the preceding year, the average attendance being 330 and 338 respectively. The total expen-

diture was Rs. 6,416. The High School has got a good Library and a Laboratory as well as a Gymnasium and a Cricket ground.

81. At the last Metriculation Examination 3 students were presented of whom 2 were successful which gives a percentage of 66·6 per hundred.

82. There were in all 23 primary schools during the report year. These were attended by 1,031 students with an average attendance of 858. The cost of these schools amounted to Rs. 7,809 during the year under report.

83. There are two girls' schools in the State. During the report year these were attended by 171 girls with a daily average attendance of 132. The cost came to Rs. 1,052. During the preceding year the total attendance was 177 with the daily average attendance of 138 and the cost was Rs. 602.

84. There is one Pathshala known as the Ravaji Raj Pathshala where 8 students received education in Sanskrit. The daily attendance at the Pathshala was 6.

85. The six scholarships, two for higher and four for secondary education referred to in the previous year's report, were continued during the year.

Chapter VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

86. The State maintains a Printing Press where the State Gazette is printed and published every month ; besides, an amount of job work for the Railway and the Tramway and also for other State Offices is executed here. The Press is also open to the public.

87. The gross earnings of the Press during the report year were Rs. 9,833-12-9 while the working expenses amounted to Rs. 4,300-14-8; the net profit therefore was Rs. 5,532-14-1 which may be considered satisfactory.

Libraries.

88. The Libraries and the reading Rooms in the State are under the general supervision of the State educational officer. There is a special library in the Hill Buildings, where works on various branches of learning are available. The several papers, periodicals and magazines subscribed to by the State, are also received here. There is another library attached to the State Engineer's Office. It has a unique collection of over 2,200 selected works on Science, Technology and Engineering valued at Rs. 12,000.

The State Stud Department.

89. As the Department did not pay, it has been abolished.

Survey.

90. Surveys were carried out in 24 villages, measuring 5730¼ bighas at a cost of 1,921-2-9 giving an average cost of Rs. 0-5-5½ per Bigha. The Survey Department also did work in connection with boundary pillars on interstatal boundaries.

Tramway.

91. The total capital outlay on the Tramway System in all the three lines upto now has been Rs. 10,98,439-0-2.

92. For the through-booking of goods out-agencies have been opened at Navlakhi port, Wawania, Jetpur and Tankara and through-booking of passengers also to Bombay is made at the port of Navlakhi.

Chapter IX.

Railway.

93. Mr. S. R. Iyer was Manager as well as Superintendent, Traffic Department, Morvi Railway. On his reversion to the Bhavnagar State Railway as Traffic Superintendent, he was succeeded by Mr. H. H. Mulroney (C. E.) as Manager and Executive Engineer, and Mr. M. T. Daftary filled the post of Superintendent Traffic Department. M. Govindji D. Jadav was Auditor and Store Keeper during the year under report. During Mr. Govindji's illness, Mr. Kasturchand Shah acted as Auditor and Accountant, and on the former's death, was confirmed in the appointment, but he was not destined to enjoy the fruit of Your Highness' appreciation of his long, honest and meritorious service. He took suddenly ill and died within a week of his head, Mr. Govindji. The untimely death of these two officers has left a gap in the State public service which it will take long to fill. Mr. Maganlal G. Daftari has since been appointed to the post thus vacated. Mr. L. S. Mody continued as Loco and Carriage Superintendent.

94. The gross earnings of the Railway during the report year amounted to Rs. 13,04,368 and the working expenses came up to Rs. 5,20,207 thus leaving Rs. 7,84,161 as the total net profit made by the Railway which gives 13·93 percent on the Capital outlay, Rs. 56,28,763.

95. The mean mileage worked during the year was 92·83 miles.

96. Regarding the proposed Halwad-Malia extension, I referred in the last year's report to the appointment of Mr. Edwards to investigate the question and to the inquiry he held in 1918. As a result of his report, the Government of India gave it as their decision that that extension was a more suitable project than the conversion of the Morvi-Jetpur Tramway and its extension to Malia. I cannot help repeating here once more what I have urged elsewhere that the proposed construction of a metre gauge line being a parallel and competitive line to the Morvi Railway, violates the basic principle of Railway Administration, regulating all cases of competition, that it manifestly invades the settled spheres of influence of the Morvi Railway and the Morvi Tramway lines, that there is not enough traffic for another metre gauge line in the same area and that its construction can have no other effect than to set a-foot undesirable competition. The State has therefore felt constrained to appeal to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India. The appeal is pending consideration. It is hoped that the matter will receive the attention it deserves.

97. While on the subject of Railway, I cannot also help bringing to Your Highness' notice the recent modification of the Government of India orders in one respect, regarding the Botad–Jasdan line. By their decision the Government of India granted sanction to the construction of the Botad–Jasdan line on certain express conditions, one of them being that the rates that might be charged on the Branch line should be maxima rates. On the Bhavnagar Railway approaching the Railway Board for a relaxation of the condition they repeated that they had, after a careful consideration of all the points affecting the question, decided that they could not agree to any relaxation of the rates they had ordered to be introduced. And yet the Railway Board have, recently, permitted a relaxation of the rates, it is said, as an experimental measure for a period of three years. We are not aware what new factors induced the Railway Board to modify their previous considered decision but it is only reasonable to expect that the Railways concerned should have been consulted and that there need be some finality to the decision of the supreme authority.

98. A matter of still greater moment is the recent proposal of the Nawanagar and Rajkot States to link Jasdan with Rajkot and of the Gondal State to link Jasdan with Gondal, thus opening a third east to west connection of the Kathiawar Railways. Enough has been said in our representations in reply to these proposals and a careful consideration of them by the autho-

rities will leave no manner of doubt as to the result. But the fact that there has been a bold attempt to revive the proposal inspite of the final and authoritative decisions of the Supreme Government of 1913 and 1915 expressly negativing a third east to west connection of the Kathiawar Railways, compels me to urge upon Your Highness the great need of caution, so that we may feel and remain secure in the faith and finality which are always associated with the final pledged word of Government.

General.

99. In conclusion it is my most pleasant duty to tender my best thanks to all the heads of Departments and Officers who have been one and all zealous and conscientious in the discharge of their respective duties and whose cordial co-operation and hard work have largely contributed to the smooth working of the Administration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant.

Dewan Office,
Morvi 10th December 1921.

BHANJI KANJI,
Dewan, Morvi State.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Morvi State showing changes in personnel during the year 1920-21.

Names of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Azam Bhanji Kanji...	Dewan	1- 4-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Premshanker Kuberji...	Sirnyayadhis	22- 7-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Pratapsing P. Jadeja	Revenue Commissioner	1- 3-1921	31-3-1921	
Mr. H. H. Mulroney C. E...	State Enginer	23- 9-1920	31-3-1921	
Azam Chhotalal Rewashanker	First Class Magistrate	22- 7-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Pratapsing Punjaji	Superintendent of Police	1- 4-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Popatlal Dayaram	Chief Medical Officer	1- 4-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Girdharlal Sobhagchand	State Accountant	1- 4-1920	31-3-1921	
„ Ghelabhai P. Dalal	Head Master & V. S. Supdt ...		31-3-1921	

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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF LAWS IN FORCE IN THE MORVI STATE.

Description.	Whether adopted from British India Act.	Introduced during the year under report	Remarks.
Limitation Act...	yes.		
Court fee stamp of 1896	yes.		
Stamp Act of 1877	yes.		
Registration Act of 1890	yes.		
Rules re. shikar without license	yes.		
Hindu Law	yes.		
Mahomeden Law until laws other than those mentioned above are enacted by the State	yes.		
The following British Indian Acts are adopted as guidance	yes.		
Indian Penal Code			
Criminal Procedure			
Evidence Act.			
Contract Act			
Civil Procedure			

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Morvi State for the year 1920-21.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions of Battaries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total ...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the police for the year 1020-21.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of grade.	Total cost.	Punishment.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By Promation.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Police Inspector	2	30- 0-0	720-0-0	..	...	...	...	..	2	...	
City Fouzdar	I	28- 0-0	336-0-0	..	...	...	...	..	1	...	
Head Constable	3	1 2 14 12	456-0-0	..	...	...	2-0-0	..	3	...	
Jamadar	1										
Full Naek	..										
Hawaldar	4	16- 0-0	768-0-0	..	3-0-0	...	2-0-0	..	4	...	
2nd class Naek	7	6 1 14 13-8-0	1170-0-0	..	10	...	...	..	7	...	
Lace Naek	13	12 1 13 12-8-0	2022-0-0	..	21-8-0 20	...	2-0-0	..	13	...	
1st class Police	28	12-0-0	4032-0-0	..	14-10-0 22	...	2-0-0	..	12	16	
2nd class Police	27	11-0-0	3464-0-0	..	35-8-0 1	...	2-0-0	..	7	20	
Buigler	1	8-0-0	96-0-0	..	2-8-0	...	...	..	1	...	

APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Morvi State, during the year 1920-21.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15.	16
Morvi State ...	173	163	230	265	230	265	172	223	33	34	74·7	84·1	74·7	84·1	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

State.	Amount stolen		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Morvi State	5,218-0-0	1,626-0-0	2,395-0-0	773-0-0	45.8	47·5	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and case awaiting trial in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			Number of cases disposed of during past year.	Number of cases disposed of during present year	Number of person apprehended.	Number of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							Number of persons acquitted or discharged.	Number of persons confined being in save.	Number of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisenment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under one month.	From 1 to 2 months.	From 2 to 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 to 12 months.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sir Nyayadhish Court ...	...	5	5	6	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	
1st Class Magistrate C. *...	36	365	401	223	328	605	241	5	32	12	62	130	...	241	341	...	...	40	26	22	13	3	7	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Police Commissioner Court	...	2	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish C ‡...	...	...	...	111	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish Court	...	43	43	35	38	56	27	...	13	...	1	13	...	27	29	...	...	1	3	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish C †	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	36	415	451	421	368	668	269	5	45	12	64	143	...	269	373	...	...	41	29	22	23	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	22	§

* 4 Session Committed
† Amalgamated with another Court
‡ Amalgamated with another Court
§ 4 Session committed

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of Offences reported and dealt with by the verious Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Names of Court	Numbur of offences reported during the year.		Number persons dealt with								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at end of year.	Remarks.
			Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial in 1920-21					Total.								
	Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons	Voluntary	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sir Nyayadhish Court...	9	5	...	4	...	...	...	...	11	4	...	...	1	...	...	3	
First Class Magistrate-,,-	223	365	45	246	18	296	...	...	456	605	309	30	243	4	...	19	
Police Commissioner ,,	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish Court	44	43	...	19	...	30	7	...	172	56	21	8	27	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish-,,-	184	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	194	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Amalgamated with other court.
South D. Nyayadhish -,,-	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	534	415	45	269	18	329	7	...	912	668	333	38	271	4	...	22	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against decision passed by the Criminal Courts in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Tribunals.	Number of applications.	Number of persons and cases.																Remarks.
		Applications. rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings. quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry etc. ordered.		Pending.		
				Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
		Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Hazoor Court ...	2	...	...	34	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sirnyayadhish Court.	6	...	...	3	2	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	
Total...	8	...	...	37	4	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

CIVIL WORK—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed during present year									Suits disposed of during present year.						Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	Number of Suits under Rs. 100	Number of Suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of Suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of Suits above Rs. 5,000.	Exparte	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average Duration.	
Small Cause Court ...	7	75	302	552	309	627	234	410	75	217	16379-0-0	...	552	...	498	54	...	...	...	69	156	47	138	8454-0-0	0-2-11	
Diwani Nyayadhish ...	66	49	80	158	146	207	97	100	49	107	74808-0-0	38	111	9	23	97	23	13	2	17	20	4	59	49560-0-0	0-7-27	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	...	33	37	33	37	33	37	...	...	1607-0-0	...	37	...	32	5	...	...	...	3	23	5	6	1461-0-0	0-0-7	
Northern D. Nyayadhish†	...	...	66	...	66	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	†Amalgamated with another Court.
Southern D. Nyayadhish†	9	15	44	...	53	~~15~~	38	~~15~~	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	82	139	525	747	607	~~871~~ 886	468	~~517~~ 562	139	324	92794-0-0	38	700	9	553	156	23	13	2	89	199	56	203	59475-0-0	0-3-15	

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APPENDIX XI.

CIVIL WORK—Results of Applications for execution of decrees in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Small Cause Court ...	4	103	3345-15-11	210	442	14759-0-0	214	545	18104-0-0	111	371	10343-0-0	103	174	7761-0-0	119	37	18	
Diwani Nyayadhish...	92	116	66261- 9- 5	105	163	71026-0-0	197	279	137287-0-0	81	113	39214-0-0	116	166	98073-0-0	43	50	73	
Adhoi Nyayadhish ...	...	...	...	9	5	37-0-0	9	5	37-0-0	9	5	37-0-0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish	1	...	...	33	...	...	34	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South D. Nyayadhish	...	5	454- 1- 9	12	...	...	12	...	454-0-0	7	...	...	5	...	454-0-0	...	...	...	
Total...	97	224	70061-11-1	369	610	85822-0-0	466	829	155882-0-0	242	489	49594-0-0	224	340	106288-0-0	162	87	91	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIVIL WORK—Number and results of appeals in Civil Suits in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during		Total.		Disposed of during		Closing balance		Value of appeals filed during.		How disposd of										Average duration	
													Decision confirmed		Decision reversed		Decision amended		Cases re-manded for re-trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of			
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.
																							Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Hazoor Court ...	6	4	4	11	10	15	6	10	4	5	2494-9-0	1030-0-0	1	4	2	4	1	1	2	...	...	1	1-2-25	0-4-20
Sir Nyayadhish C.	16	13	18	18	34	31	18	18	16	13	5928-11-3	3293-0-0	4	7	2	2	5	5	2	2	5	1	1-5-23	1-9-8
Eotal ...	22	17	22	29	44	46	24	28	20	18	8423-4-3	4323-0-0	5	11	4	6	6	6	4	2	5	2	1-8-18	1-0-29

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Morvi State, during the year 1920-21.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks. (Showing mortality among convicts in Jails).
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
										Y.M.D.	
Morvi Central Jail ...	1	92	106	172	198	89 2	84·6	74	5793-11-4	0-1-1	
Adhoi Jail	1	...	14	18	14	·05	·04	...	20- 1-9	0-0-1	
Derala sub Jail ...	1	...	...	7	...	·02	...	...	...	...	Amalgamated with other Jail.
Tankara sub Jail ...	1	...	...	3	...	·01	...	...	...	...	—Do.— —Do.—
Total...		92	120	200	212	89·10	84·10	74	5813-13-1	0-1-2	

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APPENDIX XIV.

Registration of documents in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending inquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money-bonds		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Morvi Stamp R. Office	255	287	118	144	97	103	7	12	33	14	...	14	255	287	1552-0-0	1341-8-0	168549-0-0	182688-11-0	...	...	...	...	
Adhoi Nyayadhish „	7	6	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	5	1	7	6			1052-1-0		...	...	...	...	
North D. Nyayadhish „	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*
South D. Nyayadhish „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	* Amalgamated with other Court.
Total...	268	293	119	146	98	106	7	12	33	14	11	15	268	293	171442-8-0	183740-12-0	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21,

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			Number of deeds	Value of property			Fees realised			
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	
Mortgage, Sale, Deed, Will, Money bonds &c.	268	1,71,442	8	...	433	8	...	293	1,83,740	12	...	476	...	...	
Total ...	268	1,71,442	8	...	433	8	...	293	1,83,740	12	...	476	...	...	
Deduct expenditure ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Net profit ...	...	...	...	...	433	8	...	...	...	...	...	476	...	...	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st April.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year		Balance on the 31st March	Remarks
		Past	Present		Past	Present		
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Morvi State	...	343-4-0	4267-11-0	...	5038-14-9	5898-10-5	...	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

State.	April 1920.		May 1920.		June 1920.		July 1920.		August 1920.		September 1920.		October 1920.		November 1920.		December 1920.		January 1921.		February 1921.		March 1921.		Total		Total of past year		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	I.	C.	
Morvi State.	...	...	0	12	3	28	8	38	5	18	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	16	96	15	34	14	23	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food, grains in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Articles.	During March 1920 (Per one Rupee).			During March 1921 (Per one Rupee).			Remarks.
	Mds.	Srs.	Tolas.	Mds.	Srs.	Tolas.	
Juwar	...	20	...	...	17	...	
Bajri	...	13	...	...	14	...	
Wheat	...	12½	...	...	13	...	
Rice	...	10	...	...	10	...	
Mug	...	8	...	...	8	...	
Urad	...	8	...	...	9	...	
Gram	...	11	...	...	13	...	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	
1. Works carried out for Railway	2,786- 2- 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. „ „ Tramway	1,015- 2- 7	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. „ General Workshop	377- 2- 5	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. „ Garage Department	670- 1- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Anandpur Bungalow	2,391- 4-11	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Water reservoir at Khakhrechi Gate ...	781- 2- 2	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Compound wall at new Garden	3,569- 4- 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Nazarbag Temple	4,312-11- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Compound wall and water reservoir in Nazarbag	725-13- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. New Bangalow in Nazarbag	5,719- 6-11	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. District Roads...	58,265- 0- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...

12.	Suspension Bridge repairs		836-15- 1	...	...	...	...	...	...		
13.	Establishment charges		8,852- 7- 6	...	...	...	...	...	...		
14.	Stores in suspense		1,239-11-10	...	...	...	...	...	...		
15.	Ashram works...		6,195- 2- 4	...	...	...	...	...	...		
16.	Minor works		27,478-11- 0	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	—,,—	Kories ...	165	...	...	...	...	...	...		
17.	Special and ordinary repairs...		...	13,476-6-1	...	...	...	...	...		
	Total...	Rs....	1,25,214-2-2	13,476-6-1	138690-8-3	...	...	...	1,38,690-8-3		
		Kories...	165		165				165		Kories

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural Stock in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats	With two Bullocks.	With four Bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying	
				Male.	Female.										
Morvi State.	1920-21	17,580	10,381	290	8,185	121	305	65	1,509	95,994	7,303	...	...	4,535	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue of the Morvi State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Tari.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number. of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
Morvi State	1	5250	1	2401	1	801	...	...	3	8452	

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated		Result of Indoor patients				Expenditure	Remarks.
	Out-door	Indoor	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining	R. a. p.	
Morvi State Dispensary...	15,090	...	...	...	...	...	5723- 2- 1	
Asylum „ ...	...	25	20	...	3	2	1184- 0-10½	
Adhoi „ ...	2,477	...	...	...	...	...	924-14- 0 673½-Kories	
Tankara „ ...	738	...	...	...	...	...	570- 3- 4	
Jetpur „ ...	2,164	...	...	...	...	...	460- 0- 3	
Wawania „ ...	1,871	...	...	...	...	...	517- 9- 8	
Ghantila „ ...	1,432	...	—	...	...	...	748-12- 0	
Total...	23,772	25	20	...	3	2	10,128-10- 2½ 673½	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Vital Statistics of the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of Population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Briths.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Morvi State	96,697	1,402	2,246	844	...	1,441	1,931	490	...	14·6	23·2	44·9	19 9	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Morvi State during the year 1920-21.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March		Daily Average attendance		Expenditure			Remarks
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	High school	Secondary	Primary	
1	1	High School	399	361	338	368	6,416	...	...	
23	23	Primary Schools	1,003	1,031	919	858·6	...	...	7,809	
2	2	Girls Schools	177	171	138	132·1	...	...	1,052	
1	1	Pathshala	9	8	7	6·5	...	309	...	

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